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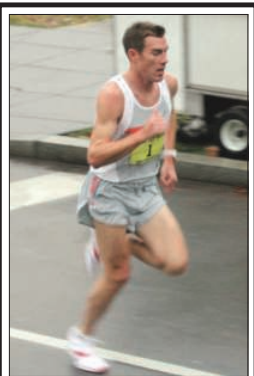
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The Washington Post

The Army has converted many soldiers into infantry to deal with urban combat in Iraq, where many engaged in some of the most intense ground fighting of the war. Now the Army is denying hundreds of these soldiers Combat Infantryman Badges because, technically, they are not infantry. Capt. Steve Gventer, above, commander of Company C, 2nd Brigade, 8th Cavalry Regiment, was shot and struck by shrapnel from an RPG but does not qualify for a Combat Infantryman Badge.



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Capt. Dan Browne, on his way to a record time in the Army Ten-Miler. Browne finished Sunday's race in 47 minutes, 29 seconds.

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States

Nader ballot refused: The Supreme Court on Saturday refused to place independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader on the ballot in Pennsylvania, upholding a state court finding of flawed signatures on voter petition sheets.

Nader asked the high court on Thursday to review Pennsylvania's decision to remove him. A state court cited legal problems with his nomination papers that left him thousands of signatures short of the number required for the Nov. 2 ballot.

Nader campaign spokesman Kevin Zeese called the decision "disappointing" and said Nader would continue to appeal decisions made on the state level, even after the election.

Organ donor wanted man: Authorities are seeking to extradite a Tennessee man — wanted for failing to pay child support — after learning that he underwent surgery in Colorado to donate his kidney to someone he met on the Internet.

Rob Smitty, 32, faces charges of failing to pay his ex-wife \$8,100 in child support and medical payments, and a warrant is out for his arrest. He was recovering in a Denver hospital after surgery Wednesday to donate his kidney.

A Bradley County Sheriff's Department spokesman said Friday that prosecutors were looking into whether Smitty could be extradited.

State ballot controversy: A federal appeals court ruled Saturday that provisional ballots Ohio voters cast outside their own precincts should not be counted, throwing out a lower-court decision that said such ballots are valid as long as they are cast in the correct county.

The ruling by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals supports an order issued by Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell.

Democrats contend the Republican official's rules are too restrictive and allege they are intended to suppress the vote. But Democrats on Saturday night decided not to file an appeal in the case, one of the first major tests of how such ballots will be handled in a close election.

Hurricane roofing repairs: Florida residents with roof damage caused by the four hurricanes that struck the state this year may have a very long wait before someone can start work on their property, a county official said.

Many out-of-state roofers who arrived after Hurricane Ivan struck last month are finding they can't operate in Florida because of the high cost of workers' compensation insurance.

Factor in a serious shortage of shingles, and homeowners may have to wait a couple of years to have roof repairs done, said Escambia County chief building inspector Danny Weeden.

World

Gaza Strip withdrawal: The Israeli cabinet approved guidelines Sunday to compensate settlers uprooted by Ariel Sharon's Gaza withdrawal plan, giving the prime minister a welcome boost ahead of a parliamentary showdown this week.

The compensation program, passed by a vote of 13-6, is an important part of Sharon's "unilateral disengagement" plan, which calls for a complete withdrawal from Gaza and pullout from four West Bank settlements next year.

On Tuesday, Sharon faces a bigger test, when parliament is to vote for the first time on the entire withdrawal plan. Sharon is expected to win that vote as well, but he hopes to win by a large margin to weaken his opponents.



Welcome aboard: Visitors board the new Virginia Class submarine the USS Virginia during the commissioning ceremony at Norfolk Naval Station, in Norfolk, Va., Saturday. The Virginia is the first of 30 such submarines to be built. Captain David Kern leads a crew of 134 officers and sailors. The ship will be homeported in Groton, Conn.

Darfur humanitarian protocol: A senior European official urged Sudan to unilaterally sign a humanitarian protocol as a confidence-building gesture that will allow aid to flow through Darfur, a western region where the U.N. estimates 70,000 people have died.

Sudan's foreign minister, Mustafa Osman Ismail, said only that the request by the European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, would be considered.

The Darfur conflict, which the United Nations has called the world's worst humanitarian crisis, has forced 1.7 million villagers from their homes.

Solana also urged Sudan to cooperate with fact-finding missions sent in to look into the situation in Darfur.

Russian victims protest: Relatives of victims of last month's school hostage-taking gathered at a regional checkpoint in southern Russia and demanded that authorities check Chechens and Ingush from entering their republic, authorities said Sunday.

Top regional security officials from North Ossetia were immediately summoned to the Ingushetia-North Ossetia checkpoint, located along the heavily traveled Kavkaz highway, to talk with the 50 North Ossetians who gathered there Saturday, said Vladimir Kolesnikov of the regional Interior Ministry.

"After two hours of talks ... the situation at the checkpoint returned to normal," he said.

Pakistani scientist remains in custody: Pakistani judges have ordered a top scientist accused of leaking nuclear technology to remain in custody another three months, officials said Sunday.

Mohammed Farooq was arrested last December along with 10 other people from Pakistan's top nuclear weapons facility, Khan Research Laboratories.

Pakistani officials have said that Farooq, an aide to Khan, was a key figure in dispersing nuclear technology secrets on the international black market.

Arafat's health: A team of Tunisian doctors said Sunday that Yasser Arafat is "OK" after examining the Palestinian leader.

The doctors examined Arafat, whom aides said is recovering from the flu, at his headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Palestinian officials have insisted that Arafat has recovered in recent days and

that he is even observing the dawn-to-dusk fast of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. However, they have been reluctant to discuss his health in detail.

Eagles with bird flu: Belgian authorities were searching Sunday for a Thai man who tried to smuggle in two small eagles infected with the deadly bird flu virus.

The man was detained Monday after authorities discovered the birds hidden in plastic tubes in his hand luggage, which he had carried on flights from Bangkok via Vienna.

The birds were destroyed, but the man was released.

Health authorities said the man was at risk of contracting the virus from his contact with the birds, but that there was little chance he could pass the disease on to other people.

Homegrown mad cow disease: Ireland may have suffered its first homegrown case of the human form of mad cow disease after a man in his early 20s was hospitalized in Dublin for suspected variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

Ireland's health department confirmed that the man, who is in his early 20s, has never received or donated blood, and has lived all his life in Ireland. The government declined to identify the man or the hospital treating him.

Ireland's Food Safety Authority said that if the suspected Irish victim had contracted the disease from contaminated meat, he probably would have died some 10 years ago. Ireland banned the use of meat and bone meal as cattle feed, the suspected origin of mad cow disease, in 1990.

War on terrorism

Filipino workers in Iraq: The Philippines has summoned the Kuwaiti envoy to express concern over a reported Kuwaiti government decision to allow Filipino workers to cross its border into Iraq. Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo said Sunday.

The Philippines asked Kuwait and other Iraqi neighbors not to allow Filipino workers to cross into the war-torn nation after Iraqi insurgents took a Filipino truck driver hostage in July and threatened to behead him.

Romulo said in a statement that Kuwait, which promised to stop Filipino workers from crossing into Iraq, has decided to allow Filipinos and other foreigners into Iraq from its border.

Stories and photo from wire services

About 50 Iraqi soldiers killed in ambush

Al-Zarqawi group claims to be behind attack on forces

By ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — In one of their boldest and most brutal attacks yet, insurgents ambushed three minibuses carrying U.S.-trained Iraqi soldiers heading home on leave and massacred about 50 of them — many of them shot in the head execution-style, officials said Sunday.

Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group claimed responsibility for ambush of Iraqi soldiers in eastern Iraq, according to a Web site Sunday.

In a statement on an Islamic Web site signed by a group calling itself Al-Qaida in Iraq, formerly known as Tawhid and Jihad, the group claimed responsibility for the execution-style killing of 50 Iraqi soldiers.

The killing of so many Iraqi soldiers — unarmed and in civilian clothes — in such an apparently sure-footed operation reinforced American and Iraqi suspicions that the country's security services have been infiltrated by insurgents.

The unarmed Iraqi soldiers were killed on their way home after completing a training course at the Kirkush military camp northeast of Baghdad when their buses were stopped Saturday evening by rebels near the Iraqi border about 95 miles east of Baghdad, Interior Ministry spokesman Adnan Abdul-Rahman said.

Some accounts by police said the rebels were dressed in Iraqi military uniforms.

There was confusion over precise figures, although the Iraqi National Guard said 48 troops and three drivers were killed.

Abdul-Rahman said 37 bodies were found Sunday on the ground with their hands behind their backs, shot in the head execution-style.

Twelve others were found in a burned bus, he said. Some officials quoted witnesses as saying insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades at one bus.

"After inspection, we found out that they were shot after being ordered to lay down on the earth," Gen. Walid al-Azzawi, commander of the Diyala provincial police,



Iraqis try to destroy debris of a car after a car bomb exploded Sunday in Mosul, northern Iraq, near a U.S. patrol. The military reported no casualties. Attackers fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the U.S. patrol in eastern Mosul as soldiers were checking reports of an explosives-rigged car, which then exploded.

U.S. diplomat killed by rocket attack in Iraq

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A U.S. diplomat was killed Sunday morning when a rebel's rocket or mortar shell crashed into the trailer where he slept, the U.S. Embassy announced.

A U.S. outsider was also injured in the attack on Camp Victory, the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition's ground forces command. Edward Seitz, an agent with the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security, was killed about 5 a.m. at Camp Victory, the main U.S. base near Baghdad International Airport, said embassy spokesman Bob Callahan.

Seitz, who appeared to have been a longtime

State Department investigator who worked for a time in Michigan, is believed to be the first U.S. diplomat killed in Iraq since Operation Iraqi Freedom began in March 2003, an embassy spokesman said.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell issued a statement of condolences to Seitz's wife, co-workers, family and friends.

"The Department of State and I mourn the loss of one of our own today in Baghdad," Powell said, while on a tour of Asia. "Ed was a brave American, dedicated to his country and to a brighter future for the people of Iraq."

"Ed's death is a tragic loss for me personally, and for all of his colleagues at the Department of State," Powell said.

said, adding that the bodies were laid out in four rows, with 12 bodies in each row.

Meanwhile, a U.S. Marine F-18 Hornet jet struck an insurgent position Sunday in Fallujah, the U.S. military said. Witnesses said six people were killed.

Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, is among the centers of the Sunni insurgency, and U.S. commanders have spoken of a new offensive to clear rebel strongholds ahead of Iraq's crucial elections in January.

Two Bulgarian soldiers were wounded Sunday in a car bombing in Karbala, the Bulgarian De-

fense Ministry said. Karbala, a Shiite city south of Baghdad, has been quiet for months.

Iraqi police and soldiers have been increasingly targeted by insurgents, mostly with car bombs and mortar shells. However, the fact that the insurgents were able to strike at so many unarmed soldiers in such a remote region suggested the guerrillas may have had advance word on the soldiers' travel.

There was probably collusion among the soldiers or other groups," Diyala's deputy Gov. Aqil Hamid al-Adili told Al-Arabiya television. "Otherwise, the

gunmen would not have gotten the information about the soldiers' departure from their training camp and that they were unarmed."

Last week, a U.S. defense official told reporters in Washington that some members of the Iraqi security services have developed sympathies and contacts with the guerrillas. In other instances, infiltrators were sent to join the security services, the official said on condition of anonymity.

The extent of rebel infiltration is unknown. However, it raises concern about the American strategy of handing over more and more responsibility to Iraqi secu-

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, at least 1,104 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 844 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department as of Friday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EDT.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 966 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 735 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

By the military:

- None reported.
- The latest identification reported by the military:
- None reported

riety forces so U.S. forces could be drawn down.

Elsewhere, insurgents attacked Iraq security patrols three times late Saturday in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, wounding two Iraqi soldiers, the U.S. military said.

Last month, U.S. and Iraqi forces recaptured Samarra from insurgents, but have faced car bombings and scattered attacks ever since.

Militants also targeted Iraq National Guard forces near Baquba, wounding seven in bomb attacks that began Saturday, officials said. Three guardsmen and their driver were wounded Sunday while three others were injured Saturday.

Associated Press reporters Raywa Papad in Baghdad, Hanna Daghestani in Baquba and Abdul Razzak Jabr in Kut contributed to this report.

British troops prep for move near Baghdad

The Associated Press

BASRA, Iraq — British forces prepared Sunday to move from southern Iraq to a more turbulent region near Baghdad, parading and praying ahead of a troop transfer that has caused political turmoil back home.

Nearly 800 Scottish soldiers of the First Battalion, Black Watch are to replace U.S. troops in the area, take part in offensives against insurgent strongholds west and north of the capital.

British Lt. Col. James Cowan said the

Black Watch was "fully prepared to take part in any operations to defend Iraq's freedom alongside multinational troops."

The soldiers will move northward to a base at Hillah, about 60 miles south of Baghdad, Cowan said. The Scots are equipped with 119 military vehicles, including tanks, and carry automatic rifles, mortars and medium and heavy artillery, he said.

Cowan didn't say when the Black Watch soldiers would leave for Hillah or if they would remain at the base near the ancient

city of Babylon. The troops are expected to move within days.

The move is part of a coalition effort to bring order to Iraq before elections in January.

The American military wants the British to assume security responsibility in areas close to Baghdad, so U.S. Marines and soldiers can be shifted to insurgency strongholds west of the capital, including Fallujah.

But British lawmakers, many of whom opposed the war, are angry, fearing a major increase in British casualties.

Lebanese boy kidnapped in Iraq

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Gunmen in Iraq have abducted a 7-year-old Lebanese boy and are demanding \$150,000 for his release, Lebanon's official news agency reported Sunday.

Mohammed Hamad, the son of Abdel-Ghani Hamad, who has lived in Iraq for 30 years, was kidnapped two days ago on his way home from school in the Diyala province, the National News Agency said.

The report said the Lebanese Embassy in Baghdad had been informed of the ransom demand and that the Lebanese charge d'affaires in Iraq, Hassan Hijazi, was making contacts to try and secure the child's release.

From The Associated Press

Badge of honor, point of contention

Retrained GIs say criteria for Combat Infantryman Badge too narrow

BY STEVE FAINARU

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — Capt. Steve Gventer is still picking shrapnel out of his right shoulder. It became lodged there last month when a rocket-propelled grenade sailed over his head and exploded against a wall, splattering him with hot metal.

That attack came two weeks after an insurgent in Sadr City, the Baghdad slum, shot Gventer through his left calf with a machine gun.

Gventer's street fighting would appear to qualify him for one of the U.S. Army's most prestigious awards, the Combat Infantryman Badge.

The award recognizes soldiers whose daily mission is to pursue the enemy, primarily on foot, and engage in close combat.

But Gventer wasn't get the award — at least not under current rules.

Normally a tank company commander, Gventer was retrained as an infantry officer before he was deployed. He and his men have fought furious street battles in one of Iraq's most perilous corners. But because they are technically tankers, they are ineligible for an award that for six decades has distinguished those who fight at ground level, where war is most lethal.

The Army retrained thousands of soldiers — tankers, engineers, artillerymen — to perform as infantry in Iraq's urban hot spots. But part of the fallout is an intense internal debate over who qualifies for the Combat Infantryman Badge, or CIB, and more broadly, what constitutes an infantryman in a rapidly changing Army.

The award is "a divisive tool now," said Capt. Chuck Slagle, an infantry company commander who favors expanding the award's recipients to include noninfantry units. He and Gventer "do exactly the same thing," he said. "But because of this, we're separated."

The commander of the 1st Cavalry Division, Maj. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, recently petitioned the Army for an "exception of policy" to allow noninfantry units to receive the badge, according to division officers. The decision will be made by the Army's chief of staff, Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, who "because of the changing nature of combat" has directed the Army staff to form a task force on the issue, according to Lt. Col. Michael Huesen, his spokesman.

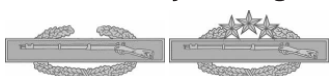
A spokesman for the 1st Cavalry, Maj. Philip J. Smith, neither confirmed nor denied that Chiarelli has made such a request. "It is our policy not to discuss pending policy decisions that will be made at levels above the division," he wrote in an e-mail.

But Schoomaker will be facing entrenched resistance to anything that appears to diminish the coveted award.

And they should get something, but not a CIB," said Sgt. Aaron Josey of the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment. "I'm an infantryman. They're not."

The debate revolves around a swath of fabric that features a

Combat Infantryman Badge



First

Fourth

One star is added to the badge for the second award, another for the third, and a third star for the fourth award.

Excerpts from eligibility requirements

- A soldier must be an Army infantry or Special Forces officer ... in the grade of colonel or below, or an Army enlisted soldier or warrant officer with an infantry or Special Forces military occupational specialty, who ... has satisfactorily performed duty while assigned or attached as a member of an infantry, ranger or special forces unit of brigade, regimental or smaller size during any period such unit was engaged in active ground combat.
- A recipient must be personally present and under hostile fire while serving in an assigned infantry or Special Forces primary duty, in a unit actively engaged in ground combat with the enemy.
- Personnel with other than an infantry or Special Forces military occupational specialty are not eligible, regardless of the circumstances.

Source: www.army.mil/or

LATWP

rifle and a wreath and is normally sewn above the soldier's breast pocket.

The award was created on Oct. 27, 1943, in recognition that the infantry "continuously operated under the worst conditions" and sustained "the most casualties while receiving the least public recognition."

From World War II through Vietnam, four out of five combat deaths were sustained by infantrymen, according to retired Army Maj. Gen. Robert H. Scales Jr., a historian. "Not soldiers and Marines, but infantrymen," Scales wrote in an e-mail. "That's 5 percent of the U.S. military manpower suffering 81 percent of those killed in action."

The badge is recognition for engaging in and surviving intimate violence. The award's requirements state that the recipient "must be personally present and under hostile fire ... in a unit actively engaged in ground combat with the enemy."

"There isn't anything that equals the Combat Infantryman's Badge," said retired Army Col. John M. Collins, a military historian.

"That is the prize on top of the prize. I says, 'I did it. I was there and I came back.' I was soldiers whose formal 'occupational specialty' is infantry are eligible for the award 'regardless of the circumstances,' the requirements state.

But perhaps never has that distinction been less clear than in Iraq.

As the military prepared for Operation Iraqi Freedom II — the phase of the war that followed the defeat of former president Saddam Hussein — Army planners recognized that heavy armor would be less effective in areas such as

Baghdad, where it was hoped that soldiers would spend most of their time rebuilding infrastructure and, if necessary, quelling resistance in the capital's narrow streets.

Both tasks required vast numbers of infantry, soldiers who primarily train in conventional, Humvee-driven dismount, whether to rebuild sewers or fight insurgents.

Entire companies were ordered to trade in their tanks for Humvees and undergo months of retraining in urban warfare.

The transition was especially dramatic for the 1st Cavalry Division, which has operational responsibility over Baghdad. The real and fictional exploits of the 20,000-man division, which is based in Fort Hood, Texas, have been chronicled in movies from "Apocalypse Now" to "We Were Soldiers." Its very insignia features the battle silhouette of a horse, representing the 1st Cavalry's historical evolution from horseback to heavy armor.

The commander of the division's 1st Brigade, Col. Robert B. Abrams, is a former tank company commander. The 1st Abrams main battle tank is named after his late father, Gen. Creighton W. Abrams Jr., a renowned World War II tank commander who later served as overall military commander in Vietnam.

In an interview, Abrams said that for many soldiers, the badge has become "an emotional subject, but for me it's not very important right now. Perhaps after I've redeployed back to the United States it will become an emotional subject, but from my perspective and my expectation of my leaders, what we should really focus all of our intellectual and emotional energy on is accomplishing our mission and taking care of our soldiers and protecting the force."



The Washington Post

The Army took dozens of tank, engineer and field artillery platoons and converted them to infantry to deal with urban combat in Iraq, where many engaged in some of the most intense ground fighting. Now, the Army is denying hundreds of these soldiers Combat Infantryman Badges, among most prestigious awards, because technically they are not infantry. Capt. Steve Gventer, commander of C Company, 2-8 Cavalry Regiment, was shot in the leg and also struck by shrapnel from an RPG over a two-week period.

"We can worry about badges and everything else later," said Abrams. "That doesn't mean it's not important, but in the Abrams version of Maslow's hierarchy of needs, it ain't there yet."

Current and retired soldiers on both sides of the issue emphasized the badge's symbolic importance. They offered widely different opinions on what they agreed was a highly charged issue.

Command Sgt. Maj. Stanley Small, of Huntsville, Ala., of the 1st Cavalry's 1st Brigade, said that expanding the award's recipients to include noninfantry units would be nearly impossible, given the range of soldiers who have been reassigned to combat roles in Iraq. He said it would inevitably dilute the award.

"No matter how hard they try, they'll never be able to get the parameters right."

Gventer, a Baylor University graduate, said he did not want to be seen as emphasizing awards over mission, but he described the award as "huge." Both his father, a platoon leader in Vietnam, and his older brother, who fought in the Persian Gulf War, received battle medals.

The Army now calls the converted soldiers "dragons" to differen-

tiate them from infantry, but they perform exactly the same tasks.

Set. Ben Brown, 27, from Tomball, Texas, is another converted tanker from the 8th Cavalry Regiment.

On Aug. 6, Brown found himself and his Humvee isolated in Sadr City. For an hour, he managed to hold his ground until the crew found a way out. At one point, Brown traded blind fire with an insurgent who stood on the other side of a wall. Brown chased him away or shot him — he isn't sure — by grabbing a shotgun, pointing it over the wall and firing.

During the same battle, Brown pursued a mortar team into a dark field and silenced it with machine gun fire. When he finally ran out of ammunition, he grabbed spare machine-gun rounds from the Humvee's gunner.

His company commander, Capt. John Morning, later nominated Brown for the Silver Star for gallantry in combat "for continually exposing himself to enemy fire."

Brown himself is philosophical about the award debate, but he said the criteria make little sense.

"The excuses they're using aren't really legitimate excuses," he said. "This is my second deployment and I haven't been in a tank yet."

Report: CIA took prisoners out of Iraq

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The CIA has secretly moved as many as a dozen unidentified prisoners out of Iraq in the last six months, a possible violation of international treaties, The Washington Post reported Sunday.

The detainees were removed without notification to the International Red Cross, congressional oversight committees, the Defense Department or CIA inves-

tigators, the newspaper reported, citing unidentified government officials.

The Justice Department drafted a memo dated March 19, 2004, authorizing the CIA to take prisoners out of Iraq for interrogation, it said.

Iraqis can be taken out of the country for a "brief but not indefinite period," and that "illegal aliens" can be removed permanently under "local immigration

law," the Post quoted the memo as saying.

The transfers could violate the Geneva Conventions, which do not allow "individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations of protected persons from occupied territory."

White House spokesman Sean McCormick said the U.S. policy is to comply with the international treaty, which protects civilians during war and occupation.

The identities or locations of the detainees have not been disclosed.

The Bush administration did not consider al-Qaida fighters in Afghanistan to be "protected persons" under the Geneva Conventions. Many were sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for interrogation.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said interrogations can help extract crucial information from de-

tainees on plans for attacks against Americans.

But international law, including the Geneva Conventions, must be followed, he said.

"These conventions and these rules are in place for a reason because you get on a slippery slope and you don't know where to get off," McCain told ABC's "This Week."

"The thing that separates us from the enemy is our respect for human rights," he said.

Rumsfeld aide denies misleading Congress

BY ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon official accused by a leading Senate Democrat of deceiving Congress about intelligence on Iraq's prewar links to the al-Qaida terrorist network says the dispute is based on a misunderstanding that could have been avoided if he had been asked to explain.

In a letter to Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the senior Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Douglas Feith laid out in detail his handling of CIA reports on the Iraq-al-Qaida relationship and denied that he ignored corrections requested by the CIA when he gave a summary of the reports to Congress in January 2004.

Feith, the undersecretary of defense for policy, is Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's top policy adviser.

The Associated Press was provided a copy Saturday night of Feith's letter, which was sent to Levin on Oct. 20, the day before

Levin released a report arguing that Feith and other Pentagon officials exaggerated the available intelligence on links between Iraq and al-Qaida in order to bolster the Bush administration's case for removing then-Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The White House denies that intelligence was misused or manipulated in the run-up to the war. Republican senators noted this week that Levin's report was issued just before the Nov. 2 elections.

In his report, Levin said the CIA requested corrections to a memo written by Feith and provided to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in October 2003.

But, Levin's report says, important changes requested by CIA were not made. Levin suggested that the changes would have weakened evidence of a link.

Feith wrote that the CIA asked him to delete reference to a "raw intelligence report" — meaning a report whose information had not yet been fully verified — because it contradicted one of the points made in Feith's original report on the Iraq-al-Qaida relationship.

Feith wrote that he made all the changes requested by the CIA when he submitted the materials to the Senate Armed Services Committee and other panels that requested them.

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Open up and say 'ahhhhhhh'



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Maj. David Free, a physician's assistant with the 225th Forward Support Battalion, conducts a checkup during a medical assistance visit. The team, comprised of members of the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 2-11 and the 225th, accompanied Iraqi physicians from the Dibis Clinic to the remote villages of Gazwahan, Galsuma and Kaaf. During the visits, 627 Iraqi men, women and children were able to discuss their health and other concerns. The visits were coordinated through the Ministry of Health for the Region of Dibis. Medical supplies were provided by the ministry or donated by the U.S. Army or other agencies.

Duelfer warning ignores Iraq weapons monitoring, U.N. says

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Arms hunter Charles Duelfer's report, in concluding Iraq might have resumed weapons-building "after sanctions were removed," left out the crucial fact that the U.N. Security Council had planned controls over Baghdad for years to come, U.N. officials say.

The council, led by the United States, had decreed that inspections and disarmament of Iraq were to be followed by tough, open-ended monitoring.

"It's been a little disturbing," said Demetrios Pericles, chief U.N. weapons inspector. "All the arguments say that when sanc-

tions ended, Saddam Hussein would have had a free hand. By the council's own resolutions that wasn't so."

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new focus for the Bush administration. Vice President Dick Cheney told one audience on Oct. 7, "As soon as the sanctions were lifted, (Saddam) had every intention of going back" to weapons-building.

An academic expert on the Iraq inspections regime was among those disputing this, noting that lifting the U.N. embargo would not have opened that door. "This is not the case under Resolution 687 and later ones," said Yale University's James S. Sutterlin.

Years of Security Council resolutions preceding the 2003 U.S.-British invasion mandated that U.N. arms monitors would remain in Iraq once Baghdad's

WMD programs were shut down — as Duelfer now acknowledges they were in the 1990s. With unusual powers and the best technology, the monitors in this second stage would "prevent Iraq from developing new capabilities," said a blueprint for the Ongoing Monitoring and Verification program.

Resolutions also stipulated that U.N. trade sanctions would not be lifted until the ongoing monitoring program was in place — and lifted then only for civilian goods.

The Security Council, where Washington has a veto, would decide how long to keep monitoring in place. Pericles said it was expected to last years. "You couldn't have disarmament and stop monitoring afterward," he said.

In 19 pages of "Key Findings," however, while raising the prospect of future threats, the Duelfer report ignores this plan to prevent them.

"The CIA and Duelfer had no comment this week when asked why the role of Ongoing Monitoring and Verification went unacknowledged."

Official U.S. statements consistently disregarding this follow-up stage in Iraq arms control seem to have had an effect.

"Most people don't understand that there was to be a permanent monitoring system in place to deter any return to WMD," said Jean Krasno of the City University of New York, co-author with Sutterlin of the 2003 book "The United Nations and Iraq."

Sunnis threaten to boycott Iraq election

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — With three months left before a landmark election, a group of hard-line Sunni Muslim clerics may hold the key to Iraq's future.

The Association of Muslim Scholars, created only 18 months ago but now the most influential representative of Iraq's Sunni Arabs, is threatening to boycott the January balloting if U.S. and Iraqi troops storm the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.

A large-scale boycott by the powerful Sunni Arabs — who make up 15 percent to 20 percent of Iraq's nearly 26 million people and are spearheading an increasingly vicious insurgency — would be disastrous for the vote's credibility and may push Iraq into even deeper disarray.

The association, which boasts an active membership of 3,000 clerics nationwide, has hardened its stance against the U.S. presence in Iraq recently as U.S. war-

planes stage almost daily raids against suspected militant safehouses in Fallujah.

Sheik Abdul-Salam al-Kobeisi, a senior association official, said the group would call for a boycott if it determines the vote would prolong the American presence in the war-torn country.

"When we do, we will reject the elections, issue an edict declaring it illegitimate and not accept its results," he told The Associated Press. "We are capable of doing this, both in the so-called Sunni triangle and beyond."

The interim Iraqi government and its U.S. backers see the vote as a crucial step toward democratic rule in Iraq. It also is a major plank in Washington's exit strategy from Iraq, where it maintains about 140,000 troops.

In the election, which is supposed to be held by Jan. 31, Iraqis will select a 275-member assembly whose main task will be to draft a constitution. If adopted, it will be the foundation for a second election to be held by Dec. 15, 2005.

The Sunni association, which is suspected of maintaining links with some insurgent groups, has long been a staunch critic of the American presence in Iraq and of the U.S.-backed interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

It has, however, been careful not to publicly condone armed resistance against American or Iraqi forces. Although no boycott call has been issued, al-Kobeisi hinted Saturday that the decision to oppose the ballot has already been made.

"Certainly, we have washed our hands of this election," he told AP. "Frankly, the association believes the election is a ploy to allow the Americans to stay."

A boycott call by the clerics would have resonance among Iraq's Sunni Arabs, who are angry and frustrated over the loss of power they enjoyed under Saddam Hussein. Many Sunnis fear domination by the long-oppressed Shiite majority.

Some Iraqi experts question whether a

Sunni boycott would be universal. Nazim al-Jassour, a political scientist from Baghdad University, noted that some Shiite-led political parties, like Allawi's Iraq National Accord, have many secular Sunni members.

Al-Jassour, however, said the association has both the means and the support to raise doubts about the credibility of the election.

The association has been vehemently anti-American since it was organized shortly after Saddam's ouster last year. On occasion, it has displayed solidarity with Muqtada al-Sadr, a radical Shiite cleric whose supporters fought American forces in two revolts so far this year.

As expected, Iraq's Shiites — about 60 percent of the population — are embracing the election, encouraged by their clerics who see the ballot as an opportunity for power. A senior aide to Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani — Iraq's top Shiite cleric — told worshippers in Karbala on Friday that failure to vote would be "sinful."



With the U.S. Capitol and the Washington Monument in the background, visitors walk through the more than 1,100 flag-draped coffins surrounding the reflecting pool on the National Mall in Washington on Saturday.

War protesters pay tribute to soldiers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A small group of war protesters paid tribute to the troops who died in Iraq by setting up more than 1,100 flag-draped cardboard coffins in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

The coffins stretched halfway down each side of the reflecting pool. At 1 p.m. Saturday, members of the Iraq War Memorial Coalition read the names of the people who were killed and then played tapes.

Pat Elder, who helped organize the event, said the 75-member coalition was formed two weeks ago by people who belonged to the Quaker faith, Veterans for Peace and Military Families Speak Out.

"We just wanted to get across the idea that there's a human cost

to this war," said Elder, 49, who owns a real estate title company in Bethesda, Md. "We're not the radical ones. We are moderates. We're not all antiwar, we're just against this war."

Elder said the event was made possible by an anonymous donor from Texas who contributed \$20,000, used to pay for cardboard coffins and flags.

It took 75 volunteers six hours to put together the coffins, Elder said.

As of Friday, at least 1,104 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 844 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department as of Friday.

The figures include three military civilians.

Iraq's oil future not looking bright

BY JIM KRANE
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — It was supposed to be the linchpin of Iraq's bright future: oil, and plenty of it, pooled in great reservoirs below the surface of this tormented land.

But some 250 guerrilla attacks have blown apart pipelines and other oil infrastructure, squandering between \$7 billion and \$12 billion in potential export revenue. Experts say the losses have hamstringing Iraq's development.

The country's sputtering oil revenues have fallen far short of prewar predictions by President Bush's administration that Iraq could finance its own reconstruction.

"The country has been deprived of badly needed revenue to rebuild infrastructure, jump-start the economy and alleviate high unemployment," said Jamal Qureshi, an Iraq oil sector analyst for Washington-based consultancy PFC Energy.

More than \$1 billion in Iraqi oil revenue also flowed to U.S. and British firms, who landed expensive contracts from the now defunct U.S.-led occupation authority, often without competitive bidding.

Halliburton Co., the oil services company that Vice President Dick Cheney once ran, landed 60 per-

cent of the large contracts financed by Iraqi oil funds, audits show.

But Iraq's losses don't just affect Iraqis.

They also mean U.S. taxpayers must pay a larger share of the reconstruction, starting with the massive \$18.4 billion approved by Congress last year. The American outlay, only \$1 billion of which has been spent, comes despite pre-invasion predictions of Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, who said Iraqi oil could generate \$50 billion to \$100 billion over two or three years.

"We're dealing with a country that can really finance its own reconstruction, and relatively soon," he told a House committee in March 2003.

But 19 months after the invasion, Iraq has generated just \$17 billion, according to Oil Minister Thamer al-Ghadhban. Al-Ghadhban estimated emergency repairs and lost revenue had cost the country \$7 billion since exports resumed after the invasion, an amount equivalent to almost a third of this year's \$22.4 billion budget.

"There is an aggressive assault on our oil installations, and some of our people have been killed," said Sameer Jassim, spokesman for Iraq's Southern Oil Co. "As a country that just came out of a war, we need the income to reconstruct the country. That \$7 billion should have gone to provide services Iraqis need."



Flames and smoke gush from burning oil at a pipeline junction blown up by saboteurs near Beiji, Iraq, in September. The breach shut down the pipeline ferrying crude oil from Kirkuk's huge oil field to an export terminal in Turkey. Instead of being sold on the international market, oil shipments burned in the desert and poured into the Tigris River.

Therapists help injured GIs relearn skills

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING

The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Lt. Robert Tracy sat patiently as an occupational therapist massaged the right arm that hasn't been the same since he fell through a floor during a New Year's Eve house raid in Iraq.

A bad break and nerve damage has forced the 24-year-old Army officer to relearn to dress himself, tie his boots and write left-handed.

"The pain isn't as bad as adjusting to not having use of it," he said.

Occupational therapy got a jump-start in World War I when doing crafts such as woodworking was found to help the injured recover mentally and physically. Those administering it were called reconstructive aides.

They are tending today to a new generation of soldiers as the wounded come back by the thousands from Iraq and Afghanistan. The occupational therapists aid in their rehabilitation and work one-on-one with them to relearn skills they need in everyday life.

As medicine has evolved, so has the field of occupational therapy. It's gone from working to get war wounded able to function in society, to also getting them back to soldiering — whether that's through treatments, exercises or mental health classes on subjects such as anger management.

"We have to be on top of things," said Maj. Helen Santiago, chief of occupational therapy at Blanchfield Army Hospital at



AP photos

Lt. Robert Tracy, right, attempts to stretch arm muscles he injured when he fell through a floor during a house raid in Iraq. Helping Tracy is Jennifer Lockett, an occupational therapist at Blanchfield Army Hospital at Fort Campbell, Ky. Tracy has had to relearn to dress himself and tie his boots, and to write left-handed.

Fort Campbell, home to the 101st Airborne Division, which spent a year in Iraq. "You just don't know what to expect any more."

At Fort Campbell, where Tracy is receiving treatment, the clinic went from primarily treating injuries such as carpal tunnel syndrome and tennis elbow before the Iraq invasion to seeing amputees and patients with blast injuries. The workload remains nearly doubled to 700-900 patients a

month compared with pre-Iraq war numbers.

At Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where many of the acutely injured soldiers receive care, about half of its 3,500 patients from the Iraq war have received occupational therapy.

Some of the injuries came from fighting, but others from car wrecks and war-related accidents in battle zones.

"In our lifetime, we haven't had to deal with that, not to the numbers we're dealing with now," said Lt. Col. Beverly Lind, deputy commander of clinical services at Blanchfield.

Blanchfield built an "activities for daily living room" earlier this year similar to one at Walter Reed that resembles a standard apartment with a bathroom, kitchen and other amenities.

"We practice with new physical limitations to make sure they are safe in their own home environment," Santiago said.

In occupational therapy — compared with physical therapy — there's more emphasis on enabling the injured to do specific daily tasks.

In World War I, occupational therapists used crafts and sewing to get the injured to use their hands. That had an added advantage in that "it was the only way to get a warm pair of socks," said Kathryn Reed, a visiting occupational therapy professor at Texas Woman's University in Houston.

In World War II, occupational therapy was first used to get soldiers in shape to return to the battlefield. Work with amputees from the Vietnam war by occupational and physical therapists led to advancements in the uses of prosthetics.

Col. William J. Howard III, chief of occupational therapy at Walter Reed, said it is too early to tell what impact the Iraq war will have on occupational therapy. But he said there is an emphasis in providing equipment to injured soldiers now at Walter Reed that will allow them to practice basic military skills.

"We're going to make sure they have every opportunity to meet that standard if they want to remain on active duty," Howard said.

Despite medical advancements, many of the basics of occupational therapy remain the same since its inception. Crafts are still

used by the 75 Army occupational therapists scattered worldwide.

Santiago said one patient recently sewed a pair of moccasins and wallets.

"There's a purpose behind the craft," Santiago said. "It's not just to keep you busy."

The patients also play games like Jenga using an injured hand. "They try to be creative to make it more enjoyable," said Pfc. Daniel Baseman, 20, who injured his hand while working on a Humvee in Iraq and now wears his wedding ring on his dog tags.

Santiago said the interaction the soldiers have with her and others in the clinic helps them heal mentally as well as physically.

"As soon as they see someone else in the clinic they ask, 'What happened to you, man?' " Santiago said. "I certainly always ask them because I think it's good for them to talk about it."

Some patients come to Fort Campbell and mid-size military hospitals like it after months at larger military hospitals. Some are worn out, and frustrated with therapy.

Others such as Staff Sgt. Chet Duncan, 24, are highly motivated. The special operations commando was shot in the shoulder during an ambush in Iraq. At home, he does one-arm push-ups to stay strong.

He receives massages and other types of therapy in the occupational therapy clinic.

"He wants to go back to Iraq next year," said his wife, Sindi, who attends therapy with him.

Carolyn Baum, president of the American Occupational Therapy Association, said war has had and continues to have a profound effect on the profession of occupational therapy.

"It's so unfortunate that with war comes casualties and comes disabilities," she said. "But I think the Armed Forces has always made sure there were people trained to help the soldiers, and occupational therapists provide a major role in providing that help."



Pfc. Daniel Baseman, front, plays Jenga to exercise hand muscles that he injured while serving in Iraq, while Staff Sgt. Chet Duncan, back left, has his injured muscles stretched by Lockett, back right, as his wife Sindi Duncan, back center, looks on.

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IN THE WORLD

Iran has mixed take on nuclear proposal

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran called a European proposal seeking indefinite suspension of its nuclear activities “unbalanced,” but said Sunday the Europeans had chosen the right path of engaging in dialogue over the issue.

In talks Thursday in Vienna, Austria, envoys from Britain, France and Germany offered civilian nuclear technology and a trade deal to the Iranians reportedly in return for Iran permanently giving up all uranium enrichment activities — technology that can be used to produce nuclear fuel or nuclear weapons.

European plan called ‘unbalanced’ but official says agreement must be reached

“The proposal by the Europeans is unbalanced,” Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told a press conference.

“However, the Europeans have chosen the correct path of dialogue.”

Britain, France and China have warned that most European countries will back Washington’s call to refer Iran’s nuclear dossier to the U.N. Security Council for possible economic sanctions if

Iran doesn’t give up all uranium enrichment activities by the Nov. 25 meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

Iran, Asefi said, was still studying the European proposal.

“We think we have to reach a solution acceptable to both sides so that European concerns are eased and, at the same time, our rights under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty are recognized

and met,” Asefi added.

The spokesman said Iran has its own proposals but refused to discuss details.

Detailed talks with the three key European powers would resume Wednesday, he said.

The European Union’s foreign policy chief put pressure on Iran in an interview published Sunday to cooperate with efforts to encourage the country to give up all uranium enrichment activities —

technology that can be used to produce nuclear fuel or weapons.

“We cannot accept Iran developing nuclear weapons,” Javier Solana told the Bild am Sonntag newspaper. “The situation in the region is tense enough — it shouldn’t get any more critical.”

Asefi said Iran would not accept a permanent suspension of its nuclear activities, and maintained that the Europeans didn’t want that either.

“The discussion is not about permanent suspension of enrichment. The Europeans have proposed indefinite suspension until an agreement is reached. They didn’t call for a permanent suspension,” he said.

Karzai poised to claim victory

BY MATTHEW PENNINGTON

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Interim leader Hamid Karzai has won a majority of estimated votes cast in Afghanistan’s landmark presidential elections, according to preliminary results released Sunday.

However, Karzai has not been declared the winner. An expert panel is still reviewing allegations of electoral fraud leveled by other candidates, and it may take another week for the announcement of official results.

Karzai has won 4,240,401 votes, more than half of the estimated 8,129,935 valid votes cast in the Oct. 9 vote. He must get more than 50 percent to win the election outright and avoid a runoff against his closest challenger.

Some 7,666,529 valid votes — more than 94 percent of the total cast — have been counted so far, with Karzai currently at more than 50 percent in percentage points ahead of his nearest rival, Yunus Qanuni.

“I’m going to see his excellency this evening to see when to start the celebrations,” Karzai campaign spokesman Hamed Elmi said. “We were up against 17 candidates, but the people were behind us. We will sleep soundly tonight.”

But Karzai’s rivals said they were reserving judgment pending the investigation.

“We are waiting for the international experts to decide on the fraud,” he said. “Up to then, we have nothing else to say,” said Qanuni’s running mate, Taj Mohammad Wardak.

Electoral officials have said they will not call the election until the investigation into the fraud allegations and the vote count are both complete.



An empty ballot box sits on a table at a polling station at the Serb-dominated northern Kosovo town of Zecan on Saturday. With a boycott called, the majority of Serbs stayed away from the polls Saturday.

Serbs boycott Kosovo elections

BY GARETINIA KRAJA

The Associated Press

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — In a blow to international efforts to forge multithematic harmony in Kosovo, the vast majority of Serbs boycotted the province’s general elections.

Election officials estimated turnout in Saturday’s election at 53 percent, but the absence of Kosovo Serb voters underscored the deep divisions between the province’s ethnic Albanian majority and Serb minority. Local Serb leaders had called for a boycott, citing a lack of security.

Turnout in the general elections three years ago was about 64 percent. Saturday’s vote represented the second general election in beleaguered Kosovo, where an unemployment rate estimated at 60 percent has exacerbated political and economic woes in the province.

Kosovo’s ethnic Albanians viewed Saturday’s elections as means to further their goal of securing independence. Kosovo Serbs and Belgrade want the province to remain part of Serbia-Montenegro, the successor to Yugoslavia.

Lawmakers elected Saturday are likely to lead the province into U.N.-led talks on its future. The talks are expected to begin mid-2005 if the province makes progress in fields such as the rule of law and protection of minorities.

Preliminary results were expected Monday, final results a week later.

An independent group that monitored ballot

counting in 17 percent of the polling stations said the results appeared to be similar to those from the election held three years ago.

The Pristina-based Council for the Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms projected that Kosovo’s biggest party, the Democratic League of Kosovo, led by moderate President Ibrahim Rugova captured 47 percent of the vote — too little to govern alone.

The projection indicated that the Democratic Party of Kosovo placed second with 27 percent, followed by the Alliance for the Future of Kosovo with 8 percent. Both parties are led by former rebel leaders.

Ibrahim Makolli, a CDHRF official, said the projection had a margin of error of 0.5 percentage point.

Though the U.N. mission here holds ultimate power, the 120-seat assembly elected Saturday — and the president and government it chooses — holds some authority. Ten assembly seats are reserved for the Serb minority — about 100,000 of Kosovo’s 2 million people.

After the voting ended, Kosovo’s top U.N. administrator, Soren Jessen-Petersen, said he thought many Kosovo Serbs were pressured to avoid the polls.

But despite “the low turnout, we have legitimate elected representatives of the Kosovo Serbs,” he added.

Serb leader and boycott organizer Milorad Ivanovic estimated the Serb turnout at three-tenths of a percent, and described the boycott as successful.

Russia-U.S. space crew lands safely on Earth

BY MIKHAIL METZEL

The Associated Press

ARKALYK, Kazakhstan — Looking tired but elated, a Russian-U.S. crew completed a six-month mission in space early Sunday with an on-target and on-time landing in the steppes of Kazakhstan.

Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka and American astronaut Mike Fincke were met by relatives and friends on their arrival at Moscow’s Star City, ending a journey that began last April when they blasted off for a six-month stay on the international space station.

Russian cosmonaut Yuri Shargin, who spent eight days on the space station, accompanied them on their trip back to Earth aboard Russia’s hell-shaped Soyuz TMA-4, which parachuted down to the targeted landing site some 55 miles north of the town of Arkalyk in the ex-Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, at 4:36 a.m. Moscow time.

Search crew members helped the men out of the capsule, cheered by its fiery descent through the atmosphere. The three sat in chairs, sipping hot drinks and bundled up in blankets before undergoing brief medical checks in a nearby tent.

“The cosmonauts are in a good mood, they are feeling fine,” Russian Space Agency head Anatoly Perminov told reporters at Russian Mission Control outside Moscow, where Russian and U.S. space officials had gathered to monitor the Soyuz’s descent.

During their stay on the station, Padalka and Fincke conducted four space walks, including a crucial mission to repair a gyroscope that orients the station in space. Shargin had arrived earlier this month with the new crew, Salizhan Sharipov of Russia and Leroy Chiao of the United States.

Japan earthquakes kill at least 21; hundreds injured

By ERIC TALMADGE
The Associated Press

OJIYA, Japan — Tens of thousands of Japanese huddled in emergency shelters Sunday after a series of earthquakes in northern Japan flattened homes, toppled bridges and derailed trains, killing at least 21 people and injuring as many as 2,000. Eight people were believed missing.

A 6.8-magnitude quake rocked the largely rural Niigata prefecture Saturday evening, rattling buildings as far away as the Japanese capital. Several strong quakes followed through the night, and aftershocks continued to jolt the area Sunday.

The Japanese government said 21 people were killed and 1,217 were injured, while public broadcaster NHK, citing hospital data, said 21 people were killed and more than 2,000 were injured. The dead included five children, the youngest a 2-month-old infant.

The quakes tore apart highways, bursting water and sewage mains and knocking out power to nearly 300,000 homes. Some 61,000 people — many of them elderly — had to be evacuated. Officials handed out blankets as a guard against chilly nights and flew in bottled water.

Japan's military used helicopters to airlift stranded villagers from a riverside hamlet, Shiotsu, that was cut off when the bridge connecting it to Oiya was toppled. Several other villages were isolated, including Yamagoshi, a mountain village of 600, where a



A bullet train lies derailed on Joetsu Shinkansen Line in Nagasaki, northwestern Japan, on Sunday, following several strong earthquakes on Saturday. A string of earthquakes in northern Japan killed at least 21 people and reportedly injured 2,000 others.

landslide swept away the only road and upended homes and cars.

Residents awaited airlifted food and other supplies.

The injured overwhelmed small local hospitals. The earthquake was the deadliest in Japan since the 1995 earthquake in the western city of Kobe, which killed more than 6,000 people.

With temperatures expected to drop to 55 degrees, some 60 people crowded into the lobby of the Nagasaki City Hall to take advantage of the heating, bringing thin foldable mattresses or lawn chairs from home.

Aftershocks were another concern.

Japan's Meteorological Agency

registered 309 aftershocks — most too weak to be felt — and warned that another tremor of similar power could rip across the region over the next week.

Two trains derailed, but no injuries were reported.

The first quake hit at 5:56 p.m. Saturday and was centered in Oiya, 160 miles northwest of Tokyo, the Meteorological Agency said. At least a half-dozen more tremors hit intermittently over the following hours, including magnitude 6.2 and 5.9 quakes, cutting a swath of destruction across Niigata prefecture.

Homes in 36 cities, towns and villages in Niigata prefecture had no water. Close to 124,000 homes were still without power Sunday afternoon, Tohoku Electric said on its Web site.



U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, left, bids farewell to Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura after their meeting Sunday in Tokyo. Powell has rejected North Korean demands that the United States "reward" the communist country before it will agree to return to six-party discussions on its nuclear weapons programs.

Powell: N. Korea should resume nuclear talks

By GREGORY GEDDA
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Secretary of State Colin Powell pressed North Korea on Sunday to return to nuclear disarmament talks even as he branded the communist country a "terrorist state" that has "no respect for human rights."

Powell's strong comments came after North Korea accused the United States of "evermore hostile acts," including U.S. participation in a multinational naval exercise set to begin Monday off the Japanese coast.

The maneuvers are part of an effort to curb the smuggling of missiles and nuclear technology on the high seas.

North Korea dominated Powell's discussions in Japan with Prime Minister Junichiro and other officials. Later, Powell flew to China where he planned talks on Monday with President Hu Jintao on North Korea, Taiwan and other issues.

Powell's final stop during his trip to East Asia will be South Korea.

At a news conference, Powell gave assurances that President Bush seeks a peaceful solution to the long-running impasse over North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

The United States is seeking the permanent dismantling of these programs. Three meetings involving the United States, the two Koreas, China, Japan and Russia

have been held in China, with little evidence of progress.

Blaming what it said were hostile U.S. policies, North Korea boycotted a meeting that was to have been held in September. Powell said it was urgent to resume the talks.

Responding to North Korea's warnings about the navy exercises, Powell said, "The only thing North Korea should be concerned about is whether or not they're going to be caught in the act of participating in ... illicit traffic. This is not hostile to any nation that is acting in an appropriate manner."

In the past, North Korea has exported missiles to the Middle East.

The United States, Japan and seven other countries will participate in the naval exercise; some 14 more nations will serve as observers.

The U.S. undersecretary for arms control, John Bolton, will monitor the exercises on Tuesday.

North Korea says U.S. hostile intent also was reflected in a human rights law that was signed by President Bush last week.

The law urges North Korea to allow freedom of speech and religion and calls for the appointment by the president of a human rights monitor for North Korea. In the absence of a reduction in rights abuses, the law would forbid U.S. assistance to North Korea except for humanitarian purposes.

UK navy registers Satanist believer

The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's navy has officially recognized a noncommissioned officer as a Satanist, the Ministry of Defense said Sunday, adding that it believed this was the first case of its kind in the British armed forces.

Naval technician Chris Cranmer, 24, registered his belief in Satanism with the captain of the Royal Navy frigate HMS Cumberland, the Sunday Telegraph newspaper reported.

The Ministry of Defense confirmed that "an individual on HMS Cumberland approached his commanding officer to register his belief as Satanism."

"A decision was taken that he may indeed regis-

ter his belief as such," a spokesman for the ministry said, without naming the individual.

"The criteria on which the decision was based was whether the individual's beliefs would impinge on the operational effectiveness of the ship or the general well-being of the ship's company."

The spokesman said he believed this was the first time someone had registered as a Satanist in the British military, although there was no central register listing religious beliefs.

The Sunday Telegraph reported that Cranmer, from Edinburgh in Scotland, has served in the Royal Navy for four years. It said he was promoted to leading hand — the naval equivalent of corporal — in July last year.

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Explosion injures 6 Turks

ANKARA, Turkey — A bomb exploded at the entrance of a McDonald's restaurant Sunday in a northeastern city on the Black Sea, injuring six people, a news agency reported.

The injured, including five 16-year-olds and a 66-year-old man, had been passing by the restaurant in downtown Trabzon when the blast occurred, Anatolia news agency said.

Police were searching for a man seen leaving the area on foot, and they believe he planted the bomb. Kevan leftists, Kurdish and Islamic groups are active in the country.

From The Associated Press

Controversial Afghan contestant returns to pageant as a judge

By JIM GOMEZ
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — An Afghan woman, condemned in her conservative homeland after appearing in a bikini in a Philippine beauty contest last year, rejoined the pageant Sunday as a judge, saying the controversy bolstered her support for women's rights.

Vida Samadzai, 26, was among 11 judges chosen to pick the winner in Miss Earth, an annual beauty pageant that promotes environmental protection, organizers said. There was no Afghan candidate among the more than 60 women vying for the title Sunday following last year's controversy, they said.

"It was really helpful by way of expressing my view to the rest of the world," Samadzai, a women's rights activist, said of the attention she got after Afghan officials criticized her for becoming the first Afghan woman to take part in a beauty contest in three decades.

"I don't know if they'll have a problem this time because I'm not showing any skin or wearing a swimsuit," said Samadzai, who wore a gown at Sunday's coronation night.

In a radical departure from the conservative image of Afghan women, Samadzai paraded in a red bikini down a catwalk last year to qualify for the contest. She failed to make it to the semifinals but won a special "beauty for a cause" award, largely for her women's rights work.

Afghan officials, however, said she betrayed Afghan culture by appearing in the beauty contest

and warned she could face prosecution if she returned to her native country.

Samadzai said she felt uncomfortable in the skimpy attire, but did it to qualify for the contest and increase awareness of the plight of women and children in her homeland. She said she was urged to join the pageant by people aware of her work as a volunteer fund raiser and as a founder of an Afghan women's rights organization.

Samadzai said she has not returned to Afghanistan since the controversy erupted. "I'm not welcomed there... they might prosecute me if I ever go back home," she said.

She has stayed mainly in the United States, where she became involved with fund-raising activities and was often invited on talk shows. Her busy schedule has prevented her from returning to school to finish a course in speech communications and international business.

Although unable to return home, Samadzai said she was happy to have helped convince fellow Afghans that they could find a niche in the world as doctors, lawyers, professionals. "I opened a door, I'm happy and I love it," she said.

The Miss Earth pageant, launched three years ago by a Philippine production outfit, requires candidates to be aware of environmental problems facing their respective countries.

Contestants helped clean a beach of trash, did farm work, planted mahogany trees, biked to promote clean air and released schools of fish in a reservoir in the northern Philippines. Sunday's event, organizers said,

Cell phone text messaging ends in murder

LA ROCHE-SUR-YON, France — A 16-year-old girl was kidnapped, raped and then murdered by a jilted boyfriend she met after accidentally sending a text message to his cell phone, a public prosecutor said Sunday.

The man, 43-year-old Bruno Noy, turned a saved-off shotgun on his girlfriend after shooting the girl at close range Saturday night, said prosecutor Jean-Luc Beck. Noy died of his wounds at a hospital.

Police said that Noy was angered by the girl's attempt to end their relationship and drove to her home in western France with the intention of killing her. A note detailing the plan, dated September, was found in Noy's home, Beck told a news conference.

First Chinese-made maglev train begins trial runs

BEIJING — The first Chinese-made magnetic-levitation train has begun test runs in the northern port city of Dalian, the government said.

To make other maglev prototypes that travel at high speeds, the Chinese made a low-speed train designed for urban transportation, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Friday as the train made its debut.

Its top speed is under 68 miles per hour, Xinhua said. Dalian plans to build a 1-mile maglev line in a bid to boost tourism, it said.

Japan won't allow game named for Hitler

Japan's patent office has blocked a company from making "pachinko" pinball machines named after Adolf Hitler, Moses and other historical figures, officials said Wednesday.

Fuji Shoji Co., based in Osaka, submitted the names of 36 well-known people, including the Wright Brothers and Tchaikovsky, for trademarks on their garish, upright pinball machines.

The Patent Office rejected the applications in May, Fuji said, but word of the decision was first publicized in Japan this week. The decision is based on trademarking traditions that may disrupt public order and morals, a patent official said on the condition of anonymity.

From The Associated Press



Special Task Force personnel look at a photograph of Karnataka state's Deputy Conservator of Forests P. Srinivas, who was beheaded by Veerappan in November 1991, during a Police Commemoration Day ceremony at the STF camp at Veerappan's village Gopinatham about 150 miles south of Bangalore, India.

India's forces put an end to two decades of 'Robin Hood'

By TIM SULLIVAN
The Associated Press

IN THE SATYAMANGALAM FOREST, India — By car, it's just a few hours

from Bangalore, the buzzing hub of India's technology boom, to some of Asia's densest forests. They are mountainous places at the other end of Indian life: few people, fewer roads and foliage thick enough to swallow a newcomer in minutes.

It's ideal country for a bandit, and for 25 years the smuggler and poacher known simply as Veerappan made these forests his home, becoming India's most-wanted criminal and embarrassing a generation of politicians unable to bring him to justice.

In a nation where tradition and modernity are forever battling for dominance, he lived like a medieval bandit — albeit one who profited from the international trade in illegal ivory and other intrusions that globalization has made into Indian life.

But in the end, the modern India won. Roads had been edging deeper into Veerappan's territory, some 4,000 square miles of rugged terrain where the southern states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala meet, and security forces had grown more sophisticated. Thousands of soldiers had been deployed against him. His gang, which once numbered more than 150, had dwindled to less than a dozen.

Late Monday, more than two decades of running ended: Security forces ambushed Veerappan as he headed to a doctor's visit. When the shootout was over, India's most famous outlaw was dead, along with three members

of his gang. "JOY," shouted a one-word headline in The Asian Age.

Among those who feared him, the response was more muted.

"He murdered so many officers," said N. Raju, a forestry guard at a mountaintop checkpoint deep in the bandit's territory, a region where authorities long ago sealed off many roads as a security precaution.

He and his colleagues, Raju said, seldom set foot in the forests. "He could have kidnapped us at any time."

And now? "Now we are free," Raju said.

Banditry is nothing new to India. It gave the English language the word "thug," after a caste of criminals hunted by British colonials, and parts of rural India are still unsafe to travel after dark.

India's most famous bandit, an outlaw-turned-lawmaker named Phoolan Devi, was lionized in movies and became one of the country's best-known figures before being murdered in 2001.

Veerappan was, perhaps, India's last great bandit, a swash-buckling criminal with a flair for the dramatic and an unmatched knowledge of jungle life.

Over the years, police say he killed more than 120 people, slaughtered 2,000 elephants for their ivory and stripped forests of rare sandalwood trees.

He'd strangled an infant daughter, they said, so her cries wouldn't give away his hiding place, and sometimes beheaded his enemies.

But despite such brutality, his story isn't simple. In villages in the forests, residents say very different things about the bandit.

"He was a good man," said Irappa, a farmer. "He helped people in the village."

Stories were told of the man with the enormous jet-black mustache who slipped into villages at night, giving sweets to children and paying for supplies. In a region where laborers seldom earn more than 13 rupees — about 32

U.S. cents a day — he casually distributed 500-rupee bills.

Not surprisingly, he found support among the people cut off from India's blossoming economy. In Bangalore, young people fight for jobs with Microsoft and dance at MTV-sponsored parties, but his supporters — mostly poor, low-caste "tribals," the indigenous people at the bottom of the social ladder — hope for such things as electricity.

For their sympathy, though, they paid a price. Hundreds of villagers suspected of supporting Veerappan were arrested over the years, and some were tortured. But while the reward for Veerappan grew to more than \$400,000, turning him in was not an option.

"If you betrayed him, he took revenge," said Irappa, telling of a woman in a nearby village who was beaten to death for talking to police.

In 2000, Veerappan kidnapped southern India's greatest movie star, Rajkumar, and freed him for a ransom reported in the millions of dollars. Two years later, he kidnapped and killed a state legislator. Still, Veerappan remained at large, with official promises of his imminent capture repeated into near-comic emptiness.

For a man who spent decades in the forest, he was oddly connected to India's increasingly globalized economy.

He cut tons of rare sandalwood, used to make expensive toiletries in India and the West. He traded in ivory, much of which is believed to have wound up in Hong Kong. He extorted money from mine owners, who grew wealthy supplying marble countertops for kitchens from New Delhi to New York.

He was a serious embarrassment in a country trying to prove it was more than teeming slums and illiterate villagers.

As the Indian Express put it in an editorial after his death: "It will be difficult to congratulate the brave men of the special task force... without wondering what took them so long."

IN THE STATES

Highway shooting sparks sniper fears in Missouri

BY JIM SUHR

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Authorities are investigating whether the shooting of an Indiana truck driver on Interstate 44 may be linked to eight other possible snippings at motorists in recent months along the stretch of freeway.

The truck driver was shot in the head Thursday and released from a hospital Friday. She was the first person injured in nine cases of vehicle windows inexplicably shattering in daylight since Feb. 26 along a 10-mile stretch of I-44 in and near Bourbon, about 70 miles southwest of St. Louis, an investigator said.

"Based on the pattern of other incidents, it's possible we may be dealing with a sniper-type situation," Bourbon Police Chief Bill Williams said Saturday. "We're

not saying it is, but we'd be foolish not to acknowledge that it's a concern."

Amy Holder, 34, of Paris Crossing, Ind., was shot near her left temple while her husband rested in the semi rig's sleeper compartment.

Holder managed to pull the tractor-trailer to the shoulder. Her husband drove to a nearby gas station and summoned police.

A bullet fragment found in the truck — the first actual evidence of a shooting in any of the suspected cases — has been forwarded to the Missouri State Highway Patrol for testing, Williams said.

The worries paralleled those earlier this year in Ohio, where authorities investigated more than

20 shootings — including one death — along a five-mile stretch of Interstate 270 in Columbus. A suspect arrested in March in that case has pleaded not guilty.

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Cardinal James Hickey participates in a funeral Mass for Mother Teresa at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington in this 1997 photo. Hickey died Sunday at a nursing home in Washington at age 84. He served as archbishop of the nation's capital for 20 years before retiring in 2000.

Hickey, former archbishop of Washington, dies at 84

BY DERRILL HOLLY

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Most Rev. James A. Hickey, archbishop of Washington, who led the Roman Catholic Church in the nation's capital for two decades, died Sunday. He was 84.

One of 13 Americans in the College of Cardinals, Hickey led the Washington Diocese from 1980 to 2000. He died in a Washington nursing home after "his health slowly deteriorated over the past

year," said Susan Gibbs, the diocese spokeswoman.

Born Oct. 11, 1920, in Midland, Mich., Hickey was ordained a priest 38 years ago and became a cardinal in 1988, eight years after he became archbishop of Washington. On his selection as cardinal, Hickey expressed humility and appreciation to the pope.

"In the years remaining for me, I shall strive to be a caring pastor, a faithful teacher, a loving father and brother and a true servant of the people of God in the District

of Columbia and the five countries of Maryland," Hickey said at the time. "I am truly honored, very humbled and deeply grateful that our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has chosen me to serve as a cardinal of the church."

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, his successor as archbishop and a friend of more than 40 years, said Hickey's death was a "poignant loss for the church of Washington and a personal loss for me."

McCarrick said that despite his lingering illnesses, Hickey "continued to be a great inspiration to us all... He was a great archbishop and a good and holy priest. We will all miss his smile and his wisdom very much."

Hickey came to Washington with a reputation as an activist priest. He became a crucial figure in dealing with the government on issues affecting the church in Central America.

Two of four nuns murdered in El Salvador in 1980, the year Hickey was brought to Washington, had been under his jurisdiction as bishop of Cleveland, and he had ridden in the van in which they were murdered.

Also in 1980, Hickey attended the tumultuous funeral of his friend, assassinated Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, whose death precipitated a 12-year civil war that ended in 1992.

Hickey began his activist career ministering to immigrants in the Saginaw, Mich., area, said Hickey's longtime secretary, Monsignor Kevin T. Hart. "He will be remembered for his work with the poor," said Hart, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic church in Washington.

Often described as a conservative on church issues despite his social activism, Hickey expressed compassion when a priest in his diocese died of AIDS in 1987. Little was known then about the disease except that it was transmitted through intimate sexual contact, infected needles used in illegal drug use or contaminated blood transfusions.

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- 1712 Guillain-Barre Syndrome Foundation International
- 1718 Hope Heart Institute, The
- 1706 Infectious Disease Science Center
- 1720 Interstitial Cystitis Association of America
- 1724 Lyme Disease Foundation
- 1745 Marrow Foundation, The
- 1721 Multiple Sclerosis National Research Institute
- 1717 National Alliance for Autism Research
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OPINION

Scare tactics won't improve Social Security

Chicago Tribune

The days of ghosts, goblins and things that go bump in the night are almost here. So is the election. Sen. John Kerry mixed the two together recently, trying to put a fright into voters about the future of Social Security under President Bush.

Kerry bleated that Bush has a "January surprise" in store that will be a "disaster for America's middle class."

The disaster? Kerry said Bush is plotting to "privatize" Social Security.

The source? A second-hand account of a speech Bush gave, from an anonymous source in *The New York Times*.

Elect Bush, Kerry warned, and "the promise of security is going to be broken." The message is clear: Send this guy back to the White House and you'll all be eating dog food in your golden years.

Bush has denied that he told anyone he will "privatize" Social Security. But even if Bush actually said that, it's hardly the dark conspiracy Kerry makes it out to be. Bush has long talked about wanting to find a way to allow people to control their own investments in Social Security to get a better return on their contributions.

That's philosophically consistent with his belief in an ownership society, and with his desire to give people more power to make decisions about their economic well-being.

What Bush has talked about in the past is allowing Americans to put two percent

age points of their 12.4 percent total payroll tax into a private account that they would control. The option of remaining in the traditional system would still be there. But those who have come of age in the era of 401(k)s could have more say in their own retirement investing.

Bush's proposal is far less radical than what Chile did in 1981 when it ended its bankrupt retirement system and replaced it with fully funded, privately managed individual retirement accounts. Since then, Chileans have been retiring with better and more-secure pensions, and often retiring at younger ages. More than 95 percent of Chilean workers have signed on to the private pensions system, its assets are more than \$50 billion and the average annual real return has topped 10 percent.

Ten other Latin American countries and Poland have followed Chile's lead.

There are many unanswered questions about how these accounts would work in the United States. The payroll taxes now collected from working Americans are immediately paid out in Social Security checks for retirees. Transition costs to set up private accounts have been estimated at \$1 trillion or more. No suitable proposal for financing such a transition has been made.

But it is hardly a secret that diverting a percentage of Social Security payroll taxes to private accounts is one of many ways being discussed to save the Social Security system. Without changes, it will



be unable to pay all the retirement benefits that have been promised to Americans. Current estimates are that that would happen in 2042.

It may come sooner, or later, depending on economic growth in the decades ahead. Bush rightly believes the impending retirement of the baby boom generation demands that Social Security reform be addressed soon.

Now that Kerry has attempted to put a

fright into people, what does he suggest to save Social Security? Nothing. He won't touch the issue. His "fix" for Social Security is to grow the economy and practice fiscal discipline. We're all for both, but they don't add up to a plan to keep the system solvent. John Kerry promises that he won't raise Social Security taxes, won't raise the retirement age, won't cut benefits for people that rely on Social Security and won't "privatize" the system.

He will do nothing. Happy Halloween.

Despite naysayers, poll data reflects Iraqis' optimism

BY STEVEN E. MOORE

John Kerry is playing the prophet of gloom in the most important foreign policy initiative of our generation.

In Pennsylvania, Kerry described Iraq as "the wrong war, wrong place, wrong time." In New York, he opined that murderous cleric Muqadda al-Sadr "holds more sway in suburbs of Baghdad than Prime Minister [Iyad] Alawi." In Columbus, Ohio, the senator claimed to have a more accurate perspective on the situation in Iraq than did the interim prime minister, whose favorability rating of 73 percent among Iraqis, it's worth noting, is higher than Kerry's 48 percent favorability rating among Americans in the latest polls. Kerry, of course, has never set foot in Iraq.

I was there from July 2003 to April 2004, conducting about 70 focus groups and a dozen public opinion polls and advising L. Paul Bremer, then the civilian administrator, on Iraqi public opinion.

Whatever you might hear from Kerry, Michael Moore, the mainstream media and anyone else to whom defeating President Bush is more important than the fate of the Iraqi people, those who know best what's going on in Iraq — the Iraqis themselves — are optimistic about the future.

Iraqis consistently say in nationwide polls that the situation in their country is improving. In polls over the course of the summer, for example, more than half of Iraqis said their country was on the right track. The vast majority of Iraqis — 72 percent — see the same benefits in democracy as Americans do: the hope for peace, stability and a better life. Most polls show that 75 percent of Iraqis want to vote for their leaders rather than have clerics appoint them.

In a recent speech, Kerry charged that Saddam Hussein's brutality "was not, in it-

self, a reason to go to war." Iraqis disagree, as should any supporter of human rights. Nearly 55 percent of Iraqis say that toppling Saddam was worth the price of the current difficulties.

These figures are easy to understand when you look at another set of numbers. In an op-ed article circulated this year among the more than 200 independent newspapers now published in Iraq, an Iraqi democratic activist observed that Saddam tortured and killed as many as 750,000 of his own people. Iraqis don't understand the debate about whether Saddam had weapons of mass destruction. To them, Saddam was a weapon of mass destruction.

UNICEF, hardly an apologist for the Bush administration, estimates that 5,000 Iraqi children a month died of starvation and malnutrition while Saddam siphoned funds from the U.N.'s oil-for-food program to build his palaces and enrich French politicians.

Americans are only now learning of the extent of Saddam's corruption of this humanitarian program; the Iraqis have known about it for quite some time. When asked to rate their confidence in the United Nations, Iraqis gave the organization a 2.9 on a scale of 1 to 4, with a 4 meaning absolutely no confidence. In contrast, more than 60 percent of Iraqis tell pollsters that the Iraqi government has done a good job since the June 28 handover.

Polling in Iraq is done much as in any developing country. Interviews are conducted face to face by highly trained Iraqi interviewers. For a 1,500-person sample, for instance, 75 "qada" (the Iraqi equivalent of precincts) would be chosen at random, with interviews conducted in 20 randomly chosen households in each.

Though difficulties abound, the cooperation rate is usually more than 90 percent — much higher than in the United States. Iraqis are amazed that, for the first time,

somebody cares about their political opinion, and they frequently want interviewers to interview cousins and friends.

From 20,000 to 30,000 insurgents, many from outside Iraq, are trying to prevent Iraqis who want democracy from achieving it. Kerry has said he would begin withdrawing U.S. troops six months after his inauguration. Iraq's autocratic neighbors are vigorously supporting the efforts of extremists to derail Iraqi self-government. Hastily withdrawing U.S. troops for political reasons would be a mistake for which we would pay for decades.

A look at the nightly news confirms the finding that 6 out of 10 Iraqis are worried about security, but what's being given short shrift are the strides being made and the intensity of Iraqi optimism.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Bush, Kerry clash over national security

BY TERENCE HUNT
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The Associated Press

PUEBLO, Colo. — Democratic Sen. John Kerry sought to undercut President Bush on national security Saturday by charging that he was trying to scare voters with talk of terrorism. Bush portrayed his opponent as indecisive and suffering from "election amnesia" with conflicting stands on Iraq.

Racing toward a finish line 10 days away in an election too close to call, Bush hopped onto by Marine helicopter to rallies in Republican-friendly areas of Florida, the state that put him in the White House four years ago. His chopper landings on baseball fields, before thousands of cheering supporters, underscored Bush's ability to use the powers of the presidency for his campaign.

And if the helicopter arrivals weren't showy enough, Bush had Air Force One fly over the professional football stadium in Jacksonville where tens of thousands of people were waiting to hear him speak.

Iraq and the war on terrorism

dominated the campaign debate, reflecting voters' anxieties as the election nears. Kerry's advisers acknowledged that the issues play to Bush's political strength as commander in chief, but said confronting the president may be the best way to weaken his standing.

For hundreds of thousands of voters, the time of decision is over already. Thirty-two states allow for some form of early voting, either in person or by absentee ballot, and many voters are taking advantage of the opportunity.

Bush mocked Kerry for criticizing him on Iraq, saying the senator now calls it the "wrong war" after voting to authorize force and calling it the right decision when U.S. troops invaded.

"Sen. Kerry seems to have forgotten all that as his position has evolved during the course of the campaign," Bush said. "You might call it election amnesia."

Kerry opened the day in Pueblo, Colo., asking voters to choose what he described as his optimistic outlook. "Vote your hopes, not the fears that George Bush wants you to feel," Kerry said. "Vote your hopes for our nation. Vote the possibilities of our country."

Kerry's southwestern swing briefly touched Bush's adopted home state of Texas, but only as an airport landing before a rally in Las Cruces, N.M.

"This president keeps going around the country trying to scare people," Kerry said. "The only thing he wants to talk about is terror, the war on terror, national security. If that's the debate we want to have, I'm prepared to have that debate because I can wage a better war on terror than George Bush has."

Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt said Kerry "has run a relentlessly negative and

pesimistic campaign. He has no positive agenda for the future of our country."

Kerry spokesman Phil Singer returned Bush's criticism of the senator. "As much as we'd all like to forget the last four years of George Bush's failed policies and wrong choices, voters aren't going to have amnesia when it comes time to vote on Election Day," Singer said.

Bush said the choice voters face "could not be clearer. You cannot lead our nation to the decisive victory on which the security of every American family depends if you do not see the true dangers of the post-Sept. 11 world."

In terms of the horse race between Bush and Kerry, they are close. National polls show Bush and Kerry even, or Bush slightly ahead. One surprise was a poll showing Bush and Kerry even at 43-43 in traditionally Democratic Hawaii.

Terence Hunt reported from Washington and Nedra Pickler from Pueblo, Colo. AP Writer Jennifer Loven in Florida contributed to this report.

The endorsements

This is a partial list of newspaper endorsements in the 2004 presidential campaign.

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The Chronicle of Centralia, Wash.
The Express-Times, Easton, Pa.

The Denver Post
The Cincinnati Post

Sen. John Kerry, Democrat:
The Washington Post
The Des Moines (Iowa) Register

The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel
The Chicago Sun-Times
Lansing (Mich.) State Journal
The Journal Times, Racine, Wis.
Newsday, Long Island, N.Y.

The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, Ind.
From The Associated Press



Vice President Dick Cheney speaks during a rally at Piedra Vista High School in Farmington, N.M.

Cheney: If Kerry had been president, Soviet Union likely would still exist

BY MARK EVANS
The Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.M. — The Soviet Union might still exist and Saddam Hussein might control the Persian Gulf and possess nuclear weapons had Democrat John Kerry been president when the United States faced those regimes, Vice President Dick Cheney said Saturday.

"I think it's a good thing that he wasn't in charge," Cheney said. Kerry asserted Friday that he had been president during the war in Afghanistan, terrorist leader Osama bin Laden would be in captivity or dead. The Democratic nominee has long criticized President Bush for abandoning the pursuit of the alleged mastermind of

the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks so that U.S. forces could invade Iraq and topple Saddam.

Contending that the Massachusetts senator was "claiming that the world would be a whole lot better if he had been president," Cheney suggested to supporters at a rally that he believed the world would be far worse off.

"Let's go back to the 1970s when John Kerry was saying that we should only deploy U.S. troops under the authority of the United Nations," the vice president said, citing a statement Kerry made in 1970 after returning from Vietnam service. "One way the world might look if he had been in charge is, we would have ceded our right to defend ourselves to the United Nations."

Cheney said Kerry campaigned for the Senate on a platform of opposing major weapons systems that during the Reagan administration, helped win the Cold War. "So if John Kerry had been in charge, maybe the Soviet Union would still be in business," the vice president said.

Kerry voted against going to war in the Persian Gulf in 1991 after Saddam invaded Kuwait. "So if John Kerry had been in charge, Saddam might well control the Persian Gulf today," Cheney said. "After the Gulf War, international inspectors judged that Saddam would have been armed with nuclear weapons by the early '90s. So not only would Saddam control a crucial part of the Middle East, he might well have nuclear weapons."

Democratic report says bioterror resources may struggle to reach some

BY KATHERINE P. SHRADER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Efforts to distribute the U.S. government's stockpile of drugs and vaccines in the event of a biological attack would fall short in "the last mile" of distribution to state and local areas, according to a Democratic report critical of Republican President Bush's administration.

The administration is dismissing the report, due out Monday, as politicking ahead of the Nov. 2 election.

The Democratic staff on the House Homeland Security Committee surveyed health officials in all 50 states. The aides to Rep. Jim Turner, the panel's top Democrat, received 41 responses to a series of five questions about states' readiness and funds in the event of a biological attack or serious infectious disease.

Only three states reported that they are at the optimal level of preparedness for a biological attack, based on a three-point scale established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Four states reported that they were at the bottom of the scale, and six states had not been reached.

Health and Human Services Department spokesman Tony Jewell said the Democrats' report was "petty partisan politics."

"No president in history has

done more to strengthen our public health and emergency response capabilities than President Bush," he said.

While the report criticizes the government for not providing enough money, Jewell said that not one state has been able to use all the funds the administration has provided to improve hospital readiness and public health programs since the Sept. 11 attacks.

That total is about \$5.4 billion. In 1999, the government established a national stockpile of drugs, vaccines and other medical supplies to deal with natural or terrorist-created attacks, including anthrax, the plague or smallpox.

An important part of the program is "push packs" of supplies — each of which could fill a 747 — that can reach any state within 12 hours.

The Democrats' report raises questions about whether the drugs could make it smoothly through "the last mile" to state and local health officials, who would ultimately treat patients exposed to deadly pathogens.

The Democratic staff also received 63 responses to 104 surveys sent to cities and localities about plans for handling a biological attack.

Some local health officials replied with concerns about finding trained people to administer treatment and getting the right equipment.

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Blinking stop signs

NY NEW YORK — To twinkling orange Halloween lights and soon to come white and multicolored holiday lights, you can now add blinking stop signs.

Yes, stop signs. Under a city experiment, 13 stop signs at nine intersections on Staten Island will be festooned in lights to better grab motorists' attention from afar.

"We're excited to try new things," said city Transportation Commissioner Iris Weinshall.

She said the solar-powered "blinker stop" signs were suggested by Borough President James Molinaro, who saw similar signs while visiting Florida.



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aminer's Office was conducting an autopsy, she said.

Daffy Duck politics

CA LOS ANGELES — The presidential campaign is getting a little Daffy.

The blustery Daffy Duck brashly tosses his hill into the ring as part of a new four-minute educational cartoon. He sets his sights on the White House with hopes of avenging alleged slights from Bugs Bunny by declaring year-round rabbit hunting season.

He promises "a rabbit in every pot," but stumbles along the campaign trail as that debonair bunny imparts tidbits of knowledge about the American political system.

Warner Bros. animators based "Daffy Duck for President" on a 1997 book written by Daffy's creator, legendary animator Chuck Jones, who died in 2002.

The tale of the duck's campaign is included in the upcoming Warner Bros. DVD "Looney Tunes — Golden Collection: Volume Two," which will sell for \$64.92.

It goes on sale Nov. 2, Election Day.

Expensive cab ride

TX EL PASO — The elderly couple in the back seat of Ismael Baeza's cab had a whistling parrot, but apparently no cash and no idea how to get home. But that didn't stop the taxi driver from

making the 10-hour, 500-mile trip that carried a \$1,200 fare.

The 24-year-old cabie picked up the couple in El Paso.

They said they wanted to go to their hometown of Banderita, west of San Antonio.

Banderita police believe the couple may have Alzheimer's disease and aren't sure how they ended up in El Paso. Baeza said the couple told them they couldn't take a bus or plane home because of their parrot. Baeza said the parrot whistled all the way.

Baeza said the couple gave him several hundred dollars in traveler's checks. He wasn't sure Tuesday if they were any good.

Police later discovered the woman had about \$2,000 to \$3,000 in her wallet.

.22 caliber mouse hunt

PA CONFLUENCE — A man missed a mouse he was trying to shoot and wounded his girlfriend instead, state police said.

Dan Rugg, 43, was trying to kill the rodent with a .22-caliber handgun when his girlfriend, Cathy Jo Harris, 38, apparently went into the line of fire and was hit in the arm, state police said.

Harris was in stable condition at Somerset Hospital, a hospital spokeswoman said.

State police said they won't charge Rugg, but advised against people shooting firearms indoors.

Senior gets a buzz

SC ROCK HILL — Police were reviewing whether it was proper for an officer to use a stun gun on a 75-year-old woman who refused to leave a nursing home where she'd gone to visit an ailing friend.

Margaret Kimbrell acknowledged she was distraught after unsuccessfully trying to visit a friend at the home but the officer "didn't have to do that. I didn't deserve this."

A police report said the woman tried to hit the officer.

Police charged Kimbrell with trespassing and resisting arrest.

Officer Hattie Macon, who joined the department about 18 months ago, remains on duty during the investigation.

"The nursing home staff called police after Kimbrell refused to leave. Police said Macon fired the taser, striking Kimbrell in the back and forcing her to the ground."

"I thought I was dying," Kimbrell said. "I didn't want to hurt her and I can't believe she would hurt me."

Marijuana bust

IN MARION — A telephone tip led police to more than two tons of marijuana with a street value of up to \$11 million, authorities said.

It took police more than 15 hours to cut open the 356 bales of pot, which weighed some 5,530 pounds. They found the drugs in two trucks parked behind a home in eastern Grant County, believed to be a stop on a drug distribution route from Texas, Prosecutor James Luttrill Jr. said.

Police arrested 10 people, including two who lived at the home, another resident of Marion, one from Hartford City in neighboring Blackford County and six from Texas.

Police were led there by a caller to the CrimeStoppers tip line.



Practice makes perfect Izette Maldonado, 8, is one of five students who got a chance to hang out at Tucson (Ariz.) Fire Department's Station No. 1 downtown, after they won a drawing contest on "How to test a smoke detector."



Bubble beauty Serendipity Tynker blows a bubble at a Renaissance Fair in Farmington, N.M.

Parent-teacher brawl

GA MACON — A teacher-parent brawl in front of 19 primary school pupils sent a mother to the emergency room and the teacher to jail.

Teacher Katrina Ann Rucker, 30, is charged with battery and cruelty to children for allegedly beating a parent who tried to retrieve her daughter's book bag, The Macon Telegraph newspaper reported.

According to police interviews, parent Lurella Amica went to Bruce-Weir Elementary School to deliver a note to her 9-year-old daughter.

At the classroom door, the girl told her mother that Rucker had thrown her bag in the trash can, the report stated. Amica entered the classroom and tried to get the book bag, but Rucker grabbed for it and the two struggled, the report said.

Rucker was placed on administrative leave.

Musher's dogs taken

AK ANCHORAGE — A three-time Iditarod musher is charged with multiple counts of animal cruelty after authorities removed 28 dogs from his Willow property.

David Straub was not feeding the animals, animal control officials said.

Ten of the dogs removed from the property last weekend were emaciated, officials said. But Straub, who acknowledges some of the animals were too thin, said animal control "acted like the Gestapo," swept in, and took his animals without giving him a chance to respond to their concerns.

Straub filed an appeal. The dogs are now under government care while animal control looks for foster homes to allow the animals to recuperate, and the borough waits for the appeal to be decided, officials said.

If the dogs do not go back to Straub, they would be made available for adoption.

Body found on airplane

MI ROMULUS — A man's body was found in the wheel well of an American Airlines jet from Miami landing at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The body was found by an airport worker after passengers had disembarked. A cause of death and identity for the man, who was in his 20s, were not immediately known.

Detroit Metro spokeswoman Barbara Hagan said the flight originated in the Caribbean. She said it left Miami and landed at Detroit Metro. The Wayne County Medical Ex-



Groovy pooch

Pike, a 5-month-old yellow Labrador belonging to Tim and Jill Reynolds of Saginaw, Mich., wears a 1960s hippie outfit at Pet Supporter's "Plus" during the Saginaw Township Parks and Recreation Halloween pet costume contest.



Don't hurl! Jessica Hallett, 9, left, and her 7-year-old twin sisters, Tara, center, and Sarah, of Camden, Ark., hold on as they ride the Scrambler ride at the Arkansas State Fair in Little Rock.



Hippo pool party Blackie the hippo celebrated his 50th birthday at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo with a pumpkin for each decade. Blackie played with the pumpkins as zoo visitors sang him happy birthday.



Going home

Leaving the Barren-Chairback Mountain Range for another day, background, Ryan Leniz hikes back to civilization after abandoning an attempt at hiking the 100-mile wilderness section of the Appalachian Trail, north of Monson, Maine.



Fun run

Members of the Fargo Shanley High-Fargo Oak Grove High cross-country team worked out in costumes in Fargo's Oak Grove Park as a prelude to the North Dakota State Cross Country meet in Valley City.

'Granny Plant' dies

FL PEAA RIDGE — Florida's oldest resident, Eleanor Maebelle Barnes Gallups Plant, has died at 111.

Known as "Granny Plant," she was listed as the oldest person in Florida, ninth in the United States and 23rd in the world by the Gerontology Research Group based in Los Angeles.

Plant died at her home in Pea Ridge, an unincorporated Florida Panhandle community northeast of Pensacola.

She arrived in Santa Rosa County by covered wagon in 1911 with her parents and 10 siblings from Brantley, Ala.

She outlived two husbands, all her siblings and six of her nine children. Plant is survived by about 150 descendants spanning five generations. She survived colon cancer without chemotherapy or radiation and was cancer-free for 25 years.

Amazing landing

IL CHICAGO — Even minus a little engine that could, this cargo plane did.

A safety cargo plane from Chicago landed safely at Detroit Metropolitan Airport after dropping an engine somewhere over Michigan.

The Kalitta Air jet took off from O'Hare International Airport and was bound for New York's Kennedy International Airport when it reported mechanical problems with one of its engines, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said.

The Boeing 741-R was able to fly but was diverted as a safety precaution to Detroit, where it landed without incident, FAA officials said. No one was injured.

After the landing, airline personnel discovered the engine was completely gone, FAA officials said.

Michigan authorities searched for the engine, which may have fallen into Lake Michigan, the FAA said.

DNA, ski mask evidence

PA ALLENTOWN — DNA found in two ski masks left behind at a movie theater after a robbery have led to charges against two men nearly five years later, police said.

The DNA in the masks, which were found behind the Cinema Theatre in Hanover Township, Lehigh County, on Dec. 24, 1999, matched samples from two Allentown men now in prison for their roles in three shootings in the city, police said.

Donnie Mack, 23, and Maurice L. Tirado, 21, were taken from state prisons to Allentown and charged with robbing a manager of Christmas Eve receipts totaling about \$18,000.

Tirado and Mack were arraigned on robbery and theft charges and committed to Lehigh County Prison without bail.

A vacation and flu shot?

WA SEATTLE — Looking for a quick, healthy getaway? How about a high-speed ferry trip to Victoria, British Columbia, and a flu shot? Trying to capitalize on the flu shot shortage in the United States, Clipper Navigation is offering travelers aboard the Victoria Clipper a special rate of \$105 per person for round-trip transportation and influenza vaccination.

The normal fare is \$115 per person, the company said.

The shots will be available to pas-

sengers after they are cleared by Canada Customs and Immigration at the Belleville Terminal in Victoria's Inner Harbor, officials said.

Vaccines will be available until Dec. 31, officials said. Those who have already booked trips can add a flu shot for \$30.

The Victoria Clipper departs Seattle at 8 a.m. and leaves Victoria at 5 p.m. daily.

Murders of women

NY NEW YORK — One-third of the city's female homicide victims over the age of 12 were killed by their spouse or significant other, according to a new study.

Younger women (between the ages of 20 and 40), foreign-born women and black and Hispanic women were more likely than others to be killed by partners, the study by the city Health Department's Bureau of Injury Epidemiology found.

Specifically, 45 percent of women in the study were black and 33 percent were Hispanic, compared with 14 percent who were white.

More than half — 51 percent — were foreign-born.

A total of 1,030 women older than 12 were killed in the city between 1995 and 2002. Of those, 339 died at the hands of an intimate partner, while 369 were slain by others. The study classified the remaining 322 cases as "unknown."

Pigeon champ saved

NC DURHAM — A North Carolina farmer is credited with saving a champion homing pigeon that ended up more than 300 miles from his Pennsylvania home during a race.

The bird failed to return from an Oct. 11 event that began in Virginia City, Va., in the mountainous southwestern corner of the state.

Instead, the bird landed in a farmer's field in the Orange County community of Caldwell, 357 miles from its home and about 20 miles northwest of Durham, said Linda Cook, a licensed wildlife rehabilitation specialist with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The bird was so weak, unable to fly and couldn't find food on his own, Cook said.

Cook checked the band on the bird's leg and went to the Internet to track down its owner, she said and left a message through the American Racing Pigeon Union.

Green Bay show and tell

WI GREEN BAY — Twelve-year-old Rachel Hess brought in the biggest, strongest, fastest show-and-tell display ever — Green Bay Packer running back Ahman Green.

Rachel won a contest sponsored by J.C. Penney Co. Inc. and the NFL in cities with professional football teams throughout the nation.

She had to keep it secret for about two weeks before bringing Green to Greenville Middle School.

Green cited the Packers' problems this season as he talked to the students about why they should never give up, even when times are tough.

He also talked about growing up in Los Angeles, and realizing in junior high school that there is more to life than sports.

Stories and photos from wire services.

FACES



18-year-old Ciara Harris has hit it big on the music scene with her No. 1 single "Goodies." The Atlanta singer is capitalizing on the "crunk" hip-hop phenomenon.

Ciara has the 'Goodies' listeners crave

By COLLEEN LONG

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — First there was cheerleading and cross-country running. Then there was a three-girl group. Now Ciara Harris is getting a chance to shine as a solo artist.

The 18-year-old from Atlanta, who graduated from high school in 2003, has a No. 1 single with "Goodies," featuring Pety Pablo.

She's capitalizing on the "crunk" hip-hop phenomenon by combining it with R&B, like Usher did with his smash "Yeah!"

Three years ago, when Ciara decided to try singing, she joined a girl group called Heresay. The trio was close to a record deal, but the girls didn't get along and the deal fell apart.

The group's manager, however, brought Ciara to Atlanta producer Jazze Pha (pronounced Jazzy Pha), who has worked with stars like Aaliyah, Angie Stone and Ruben Studdard. She was signed by La Face/Zomba records and her first album, "Goodies," was released last week.

AP: "Crunk & B" ... what is it?

Harris: It's when you take R&B and mix with crunk music. Crunk is a whole lot of energy. I call it the heavy metal of hip-hop, and it came from Atlanta so you know it has an energy about it that's special.

AP: How'd you end up doing this kind of music?

Harris: Jazze Pha, my producer, came up with some of the beats and we worked together. Lil' Jon, the crunkmaster, produced "Goodies." I co-wrote a lot of the songs.

When the beat goes on I let it hit me and then I think about what I want to say, and there it is.

AP: Do you think you started a new music genre?

Harris: Well I definitely believe being the first to do this type of record is setting a trend. I don't know about the rest, we'll see.

AP: You're dressed pretty sleeky on the inside cover photo. Do you have to be sexy now to be a popular artist?

Harris: I think image is a big part of your career. It's very important. I don't think it should be the main focus though. I think the music industry as a whole is really focused on appearance. A lot of times people can be very talented, but if you don't have the right image, you're not going to get the deal.

There's so much more involved than being able to sing.

AP: So do you feel like you have to maintain an image?

Harris: Well, even before I signed the deal I always tried to carry myself a certain way, and keep myself together. I'd say "I can't eat too much" or "I'm not going to wear that," and that's the way I want to look after myself.

AP: How'd you feel like you got lucky?

Harris: I'm most definitely blessed, but I think this was a path ordained for me. I think was a step ordained for Ciara from God.

AP: Are you religious?

Harris: I definitely believe in God. But I'm not religious like, "You can't do this or that." But I definitely believe in Him. And I praise Him.

AP: You're from Atlanta but you moved around a lot?

Harris: I'm a military brat. I've lived in Germany, New York, California and lots of other places. My mom was in the Air Force and my dad was in the Army.

AP: Do you guys talk politics ever?

Harris: Well, they tell me his stories from wars and stuff but we don't really get into stuff like that. When I come off the road we all catch up and it's great.

AP: How'd you know you wanted to do music?

Harris: I saw Destiny's Child perform and I knew that's what I wanted to do. They were so rockin' and beautiful and powerful.

Anderson seeks ban on bearskin

Pamela Anderson has sent a petition to Queen Elizabeth II urging Britain's monarch to stop the use of bear pelts in making the tall black helmets worn by palace guards.



Anderson

The charity People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, said the former Baywatch star collected 200 signatures from fans in Britain and mailed the petition to Buckingham Palace. A palace spokeswoman declined to comment.

In her petition, the 37-year-old actress argued that synthetic materials should be used to make the hats worn by guards who patrol the palace gate.

But an army spokesman said no suitable synthetic alternative had yet been found.

"The army has been working closely with PETA because they say they can produce a satisfactory alternative using artificial fiber," he said. "So far, PETA has signally failed to do so."

He added that "no bears are killed simply for the caps. The bears are killed to control the population. Where we can use an artificial alternative, we do so."

Kravitz's bowl overflow may be expensive

An insurance company has sued Lenny Kravitz, saying it had to pay for more than \$300,000 worth of water dam-

age in a neighbor's apartment after one of Kravitz's toilets overflowed two months ago.

Amica Mutual Insurance Co. says in court papers that the apartment of retired executive Joel M. Disend "sustained catastrophic water damage" on Aug. 1 due to Kravitz's "allowing a commode to become blocked, clogged and congested with various materials."

Because of the damage, according to papers filed in Manhattan's state Supreme Court, Amica had to pay \$333,849.77 to fix Disend's condominium apartment on the floor below Kravitz's flat in their SoHo building.

No description of Disend's apartment was available, but Kravitz's 6,000-square-foot duplex, which he bought in October 2000 for \$8 million, reportedly has five bedrooms, eight bathrooms, a billiards room and a 3,000-square-foot terrace.

Zeta-Jones sues topless club

Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones has sued a Nevada topless club she said used her image for advertising and promotion without her permission.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles said The Spice House, which bills itself as "Reno's friendliest topless cabaret," displayed her picture on "numerous pages" of its Web site, sometimes alongside partially nude women.

That created the false impression the actress "endorsed or approved of the sexually explicit content" and could "dilute the value of her celebrity endorsement," the lawsuit says.



Jones

The star of "Chicago" and "Intolerable Cruelty" has never authorized the club or its owner, Wesglov Resources, to display her image, according to the lawsuit. She seeks unspecified damages and an order barring further use of her likeness.

Sizemore sued for sexual harassment

A woman has filed a lawsuit accusing actor Tom Sizemore of sexual harassment while he starred in the now-cancelled CBS show "Robbery Homicide Division."

Loretta Jody Miller claims

Sizemore repeatedly made lewd statements, groped her and exposed himself. She also alleged that he was wrongfully fired after she complained.

Miller's position or relation to Sizemore were unclear. Calls to attorneys for Miller and Sizemore were not immediately returned.

Others named in the lawsuit, filed in Superior Court, include CBS Entertainment and Sizemore's holding company, Bare Knuckles Productions.

Sizemore, 42, who has appeared in such films as "Black Hawk Down" and "Saving Private Ryan," was sentenced in October to six months in jail on misdemeanor charges of physically abusing Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss during their two-year relationship.

His parole was revoked last month after he failed to complete a drug test.



Sizemore

Stories and photos from wire services

DNA links prisoner to a dozen murders

BY TIM MOLLOY
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A man in prison for rape has been linked by DNA evidence to the killings of a dozen women, including three that another man was convicted of committing, police said Saturday.

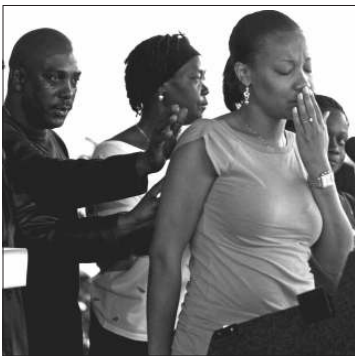
Police said they have linked Chester D. Turner, 37, to the murders of 12 women between 1967 and 1998 and they plan to give prosecutors evidence for many of the slayings next week. Turner is serving an eight-year sentence after pleading no contest to rape in 2002.

Police allege the former pizza deliveryman accosted most of his victims on a street in crime-ridden South Los Angeles and raped and strangled them before dumping their bodies.

A mentally disabled janitor was wrongly convicted of three of the killings and spent nearly nine years in prison. David Allen Jones, 44, was released in March.

District attorney spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons declined to comment on the cases.

In a somber coincidence, the mothers of two of the victims



Robert Williams and Bobbie Williams, family members of murder victim Annette Ernest, pat Chantelle Jackson, Ernest's niece, during a news conference in Los Angeles on Saturday. Jackson thanked police for their efforts after they announced that convicted rapist Chester Dwayne Turner has been linked, by DNA evidence, to the killings of a dozen women, including Ernest. Turner is serving an eight-year prison sentence after pleading no contest to rape.

have been friends for 30 years, and have grieved together for their daughters' deaths.

"We never thought that it could be the same person," said Mildred White, whose daughter Annette Ernest, 26, was among the victims.

Ernest's body was found in 1987 in the same neighborhood where the body of Andrea Triplett, 29, would be found six years later.

"He'll never be able to do this to someone else's child," said Triplett's mother, Jerrn Johnson.

"No family will have to go through what we went through."

Triplett and Ernest each had two young children, and Triplett was pregnant with a third when she was killed.

As part of his plea in the rape case, Turner agreed to submit a DNA sample that was placed in law enforcement databases.

Turner has been in and out of prison several times, but most of his convictions were for nonviolent crimes such as theft, drug possession and parole violations, according to state Department of Corrections records.

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Check ID before traveling

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Few things can dampen your vacation plans faster than arriving at the airport or even at your destination only to be turned away for not having the proper identification.

Many people fail to research what kinds of identification and documentation they'll need before traveling, according to Consumer Reports.

If you're traveling internationally, note the following:

■ Everyone in your traveling party must have a valid passport. Changes in law dating back to 1981 require even newborn babies to have their own.

■ Entry guidelines vary for many countries. The U.S. State Department reports that you may be required to bring a valid passport, a visa or tourist card and proof that you have the means to return to the United States, either in money or return

tickets. Some countries even require that your identification be valid for up to six months after you plan to leave that country.

■ If you need to renew your passport, do it as far in advance of your trip as possible. The peak months for passport renewal are January through August. To avoid delays, renew in September through December.

■ Make copies of your required travel documents to expedite replacement in the event that the originals are lost or stolen. The State Department recommends that you keep one set of copies with you, but in a separate place from the originals, and give one copy to a friend or relative in the United States.

■ If you're going on a cruise, remember that identification similar to that required for international travel may be required, depending on the ship's ports of call. Be sure to ask a cruise representative and your travel agent what forms of ID you'll need.

Air ambulance crashes; 5 killed

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — An ambulance airplane crashed Sunday in a remote, mountainous area near the Mexican border, shortly after taking off from a small San Diego airport, killing all five people on board, authorities said.

The Learjet carried two pilots, two paramedics and a nurse on a flight bound for Albuquerque, N.M., said Larry Levy, CEO and medical director of Albuquerque-based Med Flight Air Ambulance, which owned the aircraft.

The plane went down around 12:30 a.m., about two miles east of Brown Field. It was the company's first crash since starting operations in 1979, he said.

Emergency personnel had to hike to the largely inaccessible crash site, said Larry Frelow, an operations manager for the Federal Aviation Administration.

The cause of the crash had not been determined. The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board were investigating, Levy said.

The crew was returning to Albuquerque after carrying a patient from Mexico to San Diego, Levy said. The airstrip just north of the border is used as a port of entry for private aircraft arriving in California from Mexico and by military and law enforcement aircraft.

Radio contact was lost just one minute after takeoff, Levy said.

Med Flight Air Ambulance suspended operations "to give the crews time to debrief and cope with the circumstances," Levy said.

The company has about 100 employees at its offices in Albuquerque, El Paso, Texas, and Las Vegas, Nev.

The company withheld the names of the victims, but Levy said four were based at Albuquerque and the fifth worked out of El Paso.

Union Carbide not fraudulent in how it sold asbestos, jury says

The Associated Press

ANGLETON, Texas — A jury has ruled that Union Carbide Corp. was not fraudulent in how it sold asbestos for use in U.S. military paint. Carbide's interior finishing products — a verdict an attorney for the paint company said probably will force it into bankruptcy in the face of tens of thousands of lawsuits.

Kelly-Moore had sued Union Carbide for \$1.3 billion plus punitive damages, claiming the Dow Chemical Co. subsidiary had hidden from it the dangers of asbestos.

The jury ruled in favor of Union Carbide on Friday. The Facts, Brazoria County's daily newspaper, reported Saturday.

San Carlos, Calif.-based Kelly-Moore is facing more than 40,000 lawsuits from people claiming to have been injured by asbestos, which causes lung diseases. The company was counting on winning the lawsuit because it doesn't have enough money to pay the victims, said Larry Lanier, its Houston-based attorney.

"Unfortunately this will most

likely put Kelly-Moore into bankruptcy and thousands of victims will be unpaid because of this," Lanier said.

Testimony centered on what Danbury, Conn.-based Union Carbide knew about the dangers of asbestos and what it told Kelly-Moore.

Asbestos was used to create insulation and construction materials such as jointing and ceiling tiles. Use of asbestos peaked from World War II through the mid-1970s.

The paint company used asbestos from Union Carbide and other companies to make joint compound from 1964-77.

John Gilbert, an Angleton attorney who was on Union Carbide's defense team, said Kelly-Moore documents presented during the trial showed the paint company knew what it was purchasing. He said the verdict was a "complete vindication of Union Carbide."

Kelly-Moore has not decided whether it will appeal. The paint company has more than 160 retail stores in 10 states, including California and Texas.

Car fleeing police rolls over, leaves 1 dead

TOPAWA, Ariz. — A driver suspected of smuggling illegal immigrants across the U.S.-Mexico border lost control of the car while fleeing federal authorities, causing a rollover crash that killed one passenger and injured seven others.

A Border Patrol agent stopped the car Saturday afternoon about 14 miles north of the border on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation, officials said. Before the agent could reach the driver's side, the motorist made a U-turn and fled. The driver swerved toward the vehicle of another Border Patrol agent responding to the incident. The agent avoided crashing into the fleeing car before it lost control and flipped.

One passenger died and seven others were taken to a Tucson hospital. Two were later released into the custody of the Border Patrol.

Last weekend, five people were killed when a stolen pickup truck crammed with undocumented immigrants crashed near the Army's Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista.

From The Associated Press

EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates | |
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| Euro..... | \$1.2598 |
| British pound..... | \$1.4817 |
| Japanese yen (Oct. 25)..... | 106.00 |
| South Korean won (Oct. 25)..... | 1,112.90 |
| Commercial rates | |
| Bahrain (dinar)..... | 1.377 |
| British pound..... | \$1.2548 |
| Canada (dollar)..... | 1.2342 |
| Denmark (krone)..... | 5.8030 |
| Egypt (pound)..... | 6.23 |
| Euro..... | \$1.2568 |
| Hong Kong (dollar)..... | 7.7856 |
| Hungary (forint)..... | 195.31 |
| Indonesia (rupiah)..... | 1,671.75 |
| Israel (shekel)..... | 4.432 |
| Japan (yen)..... | 107.26 |
| Kuwait (dinar)..... | 4.132 |
| Norway (krone)..... | 6.497 |
| Philippines (peso)..... | 66.24 |
| Saudi Arabia (riyal)..... | 3.7599 |
| Switzerland (dollar)..... | 1.4751 |
| South Korea (won)..... | 1,140.51 |
| Switzerland (franc)..... | 1.2145 |
| Thailand (baht)..... | 41.32 |
| Turkey (lira)..... | 1,470,580.00 |
| (Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banks in the country. Commercial rates are those available for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign bank rates as of 4 p.m. Eastern time. British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.) | |

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| Gold..... | \$404.60 |
| Silver..... | \$7.314 |

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| Prime rate..... | 4.75 |
| Discount rate..... | 2.75 |
| Federal funds market rate..... | 1.75 |
| 3-month Treasury bill..... | 1.84 |
| 30-year bond..... | 4.75 |
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| Khartoum | 89 | 73 | Tripoli | 88 | 62 | HI |

THE WORLD

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| Amsterdam | HI | LO | Manila | 92 | 80 |
| Bahrain | 92 | 72 | Mexico City | 73 | 53 |
| Beijing | 56 | 36 | Montreal | 53 | 34 |
| Beirut | 82 | 72 | Riyadh | 84 | 69 |
| Bermuda | 80 | 71 | Rio de Jan | 82 | 71 |
| Caracas | 91 | 77 | Sofia | 71 | 48 |
| Helsinki | 49 | 53 | Sydney | 76 | 64 |
| Hong Kong | 84 | 75 | Tokyo | 67 | 60 |

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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelex: Mostly cloudy with gusty winds. Highs in the upper 60s. Tuesday lows in the low 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers and gusty winds. Highs in the low 50s to low 60s. Tuesday lows in the mid-50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy with dense fog in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s. Tuesday lows in the mid 50s.

France: Partly cloudy with isolated rain along the southern coast. Highs in the low 60s to mid 70s. Tuesday lows in the low 40s to low 50s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain throughout the region and gusty winds along the coast. Highs in the mid 60s. Tuesday lows in the upper 40s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain. Highs in the low 70s. Tuesday lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s. Tuesday lows in the low 50s.

Northern Italy: Partly cloudy with fog in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s. Tuesday lows in the low 50s.

Southern Italy: Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Tuesday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Tuesday lows in the low 50s.

Norway: Cloudy with rain in the afternoon. Highs in the low to mid 50s. Tuesday lows in the low 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Mostly cloudy with afternoon rain showers. Highs in the mid 60s to low 80s. Tuesday lows in the mid 40s to low 60s.

Turkey: Sunny. Highs in the 70s. Tuesday lows in the 50s.

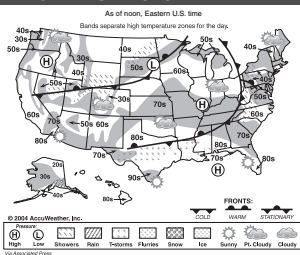
For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAF Operational Weather Squadron home page at: <https://www.sembach.af.mil>
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SUN & MOON

| | Today | Tomorrow |
|---------------------|--------|----------|
| Sunrise (Baghdad) | 6:15am | 6:06am |
| Sunrise (Frankfurt) | 8:04am | 8:17am |
| Sunset (Baghdad) | 6:15pm | 6:17pm |
| Sunset (Frankfurt) | 6:15pm | 6:13pm |

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| New moon | Nov 12 |
| First | Nov 19 |
| Full moon | Nov 25 |
| Last | Nov 3 |

THE UNITED STATES TODAY



Scheduled to **ETS** or **PCS**?

Check our Relocation Guide every Saturday to find Realtors at your station.

STARS & STRIPES
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Horoscope

The sun and Uranus form an auspicious angle, shedding new perspective on changes you've made in the last month or so. It's a fabulous time to check in to see what's working and what's not. Be analytical and re-evaluated from problems, and for goodness' sake, don't beat yourself up.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Oct. 25). You're breaking out of your shell this year. The closer you get to your goal, the more there is to do. But this is the pathway of success, and you're willing to find a way to make things happen. Fabulous partners help immensely. You've got the instinct to choose them wisely this month and next. For love, you're highly compatible with Virgo and Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be negotiating your way into a situation. So if your inner voice is telling you to speak up, don't squelch it!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your habit of being hard on yourself is not such a bad thing sometimes. You're wise enough to realize that you've got more to offer the world than you currently are. Get your plan together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What would you do without those wild-card people who love to throw you for a loop, making your life anything but boring? So don't waste time complaining or feigning surprise.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Take care of yourself physically, mentally and spiritually. This requires that you feed your mind, heart and soul. You'll need your strength for walking through the threshold if the threshold needs walking through.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even a master makes a commitment to continuous study, realizing that the boundaries of greatness are ever

expanding. So don't be intimidated by new standards. If you're serious about being the best, you'll do what it takes.

VIRO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To be acknowledged is a basic human need — one you feed so well in others and often neglect in yourself. It's not arrogant to admit the existence of truth, which is what you're doing when you take note of your talents.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a model of excellent behavior. Of course, it has been said that as a rule we've had people rarely make history. Consider an area of your life in

which you might allow yourself to cut loose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can turn this into a peaceful day by being mellow and, quite literally, unassuming. Don't presume to know what people are thinking, and don't read too deeply into what's being implied. Ask questions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Because your attitude is optimistic, open-minded and filled with affinity for your colleagues, you're considered the go-to person in your work community.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You would prefer not to have to adapt to the rest of the world. Somehow, you get the rest of the world to adapt to you. Of course, you're being unreasonable, but thank goodness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In your effort to be honest, you may be too transparent. Remember that keeping your inner world private is always your prerogative.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Energy is up, and you're on a roll. You know you're in the right line of work when it's hard to distinguish business from pleasure. People around you speak to your playful imagination and will add in their own two cents.

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Joyce Jillson



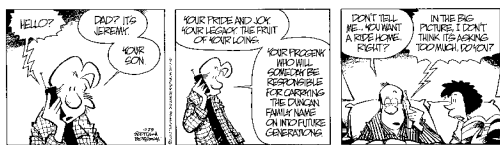
Calvin and Hobbes



Jump Start



Zits



Cathy



Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Red Rover



Better or Worse



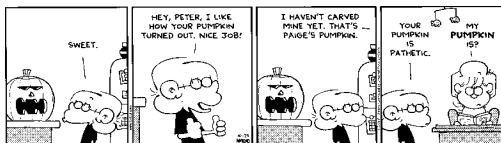
Peanuts



To our readers

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jillson and Ms. Mathis were in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be re-named "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

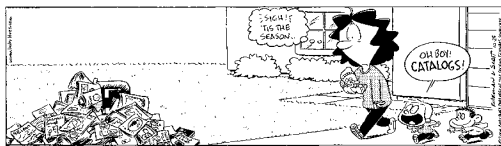
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Baby Blues



Spider Man



Blondie



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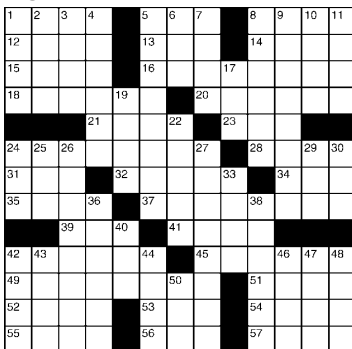
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



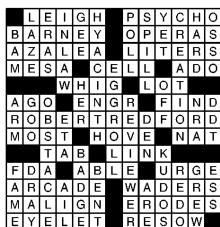
Across

- 1 Butterfly-ballot attachment
- 5 Go like a frog
- 8 Wound cover
- 12 Threw
- 13 Anger
- 14 Top-notch
- 15 "Clueless" expletive
- 16 100 percent
- 18 Ebert's writeup
- 20 Speechifies
- 21 Biblical boatwright
- 23 "Go, team!"
- 24 Kept away
- 28 Do some
- 31 Miss Piggy's pronoun
- 32 Vestige
- 34 Unkempt place
- 35 Long story
- 37 Anise-flavored liqueur
- 39 Stolen
- 41 Big truck
- 42 Subordinate official
- 45 Lots to offer
- 49 Theoretical
- 51 Heart of the matter
- 52 Dog's nuisance
- 53 Be contrite
- 54 Press
- 55 Spuds' buds
- 56 Mess up
- 57 New Jersey cagers

Down

- 1 Burn somewhat
- 2 Firetruck need
- 3 Tell—
- 4 What dictionaries do
- 5 Longfellow hero
- 6 Sphere comparison
- 7 Mexican money
- 8 Obscure baw acid
- 9 Most sophisticated
- 10 Initial chip
- 11 Honey bunch?
- 12 Bobby of hockey
- 19 Many millennia
- 22 KFC additives
- 24 Early hrs.
- 25 Feathery neckpiece
- 26 Check out the tourist spots
- 27 Rat
- 29 To the degree
- 30 Coloring agent
- 33 Thinness
- 34 Secure
- 35 With skill
- 36 Heart-lines?
- 38 B-complex acid
- 40 Pitch
- 42 Secure
- 43 With skill
- 44 Rid of mind
- 46 Traditional tales
- 47 Jog
- 48 Longings
- 50 Mongrel

Answer to Previous Puzzle



10-25

CRYPTOQUIP

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"W V O S Z R O U Z V E S O S M C."
Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A CAR-STOPPING DEVICE IS INVENTED, I THINK THAT'D BE CONSIDERED BRAKING NEWS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals P

SCOREBOARD

To our readers

A story on the Division III football playoffs Sunday gave the incorrect facts for this Saturday's semifinals game. Bannum will host Hofers and Ansbach will host Bamberg.

AFN TV & Radio

Monday

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—Golf: Furlan Classic, first round (Fed.).

AFN-Sports, 2 p.m.—Baseball: World Series, Game 7 (Fed.).

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—Auto racing: Champ Car LeMans 100 (Fed.).

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m.—Major League Soccer conference semifinals, Kansas City at San Jose.

AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.—Pro football: Denver at Cincinnati.

AFN-Sports, 3:30 a.m.—Motor racing: Craftsman Truck Series 200 (Fed.).

AFN-Sports, 5:30 a.m.—Pro football: AFC Wild Card (Fed.).

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—Outdoors: Wal-Mart FLW Tour (Fed.).

AFN-Sports, 2 p.m.—Auto racing: Nextel Cup, race 52 (Fed.).

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—Pro football: Denver at Cincinnati (Fed.).

All times are Central European Time but indicates defunct broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Some radio broadcasts not available in all areas. Visit www.afn.net for more information.

Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| Team | W | L | T | Pct | Pf | Pa |
|-------------|----|---|---|-------|-----|----|
| New England | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 125 | 83 |
| N.Y. Jets | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 120 | 89 |
| Buffalo | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 107 | 86 |
| Miami | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 95 | 87 |

South

| Team | W | L | T | Pct | Pf | Pa |
|--------------|---|---|---|-------|-----|-----|
| Indianapolis | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 159 | 106 |
| Pittsburgh | 3 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 96 | 102 |
| Houston | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 138 | 137 |
| San Diego | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 117 | 86 |

North

| Team | W | L | T | Pct | Pf | Pa |
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| Pittsburgh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 136 | 114 |
| Baltimore | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 99 | 79 |
| Pittsburgh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 83 | 79 |
| San Diego | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 83 | 79 |

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| Team | W | L | T | Pct | Pf | Pa |
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| Denver | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 137 | 79 |
| San Diego | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 106 | 136 |
| San Diego | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 88 | 79 |
| Kansas City | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 105 | 137 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| Team | W | L | T | Pct | Pf | Pa |
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| Philadelphia | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 137 | 63 |
| N.Y. Giants | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 104 | 72 |
| Dallas | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 87 | 115 |
| Washington | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 84 | 95 |

South

| Team | W | L | T | Pct | Pf | Pa |
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| Dallas | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 119 | 88 |
| New Orleans | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 133 | 105 |
| Carolina | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 118 | 118 |
| Tampa Bay | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 79 | 88 |

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| Minnesota | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 150 | 110 |
| Green Bay | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 117 | 82 |
| Chicago | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 78 | 89 |

West

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| St. Louis | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 144 | 76 |
| Arizona | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 87 | 77 |
| San Francisco | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 87 | 105 |

Sunday's games

Buffalo at N.Y. Giants
Detroit at Buffalo
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati

Atlanta at Kansas City
Jacksonville at Indianapolis
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay

San Diego at Carolina
Philadelphia at Tennessee
N.Y. Jets at New England

Tennessee at Minnesota
Seattle at Arizona
New Orleans at Oakland

Open: Pittsburgh, Washington, San Francisco, Houston

Monday's game

Denver at Cincinnati
Detroit at Buffalo
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati

Green Bay at Washington
Philadelphia at Houston
Indianapolis at Kansas City

N.Y. Jets at Minnesota
Atlanta at Denver
Oakland at San Diego

Monday, Nov. 1

Miami at N.Y. Jets

Pro soccer

MLS playoffs

Conference Semifinals

(Two-leg Aggregate Score Series)

First Conference

Columbus vs. New England

New England 1, Columbus 0, New England leads series 2-0.

Second Conference

D.C. United vs. MetroStars

D.C. United 1, MetroStars 0, D.C. United leads series 2-0.

Saturday, Oct. 31

New England vs. D.C. United

MetroStars at D.C. United

Western Conference

Kansas City at San Jose

San Jose at Kansas City

Colorado 1, Los Angeles & Colorado leads series 1-0.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Colorado at Los Angeles

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Time of Race: 2 hours, 26 minutes, 4 seconds.

Marglin of Victory, 0:30:55 seconds.

Caution Flags: 13 for 70 laps.

Point Dangers: 1 among 4 drivers.

Lead Lap: Trues Jr., 1-32, Blaney 33-74.

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| Philadelphia | 5 | 1 | 0 | .833 | 7 | 2 |
| New York | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 21 | 8 |
| Toronto | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 10 | 21 |
| Boston | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 16 | 4 |

Pro basketball

NBA preseason

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| Team | W | L | T | Pct | GB |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|----|
| Philadelphia | 5 | 1 | 0 | .833 | 7 |
| New York | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | |

Berlin throws 5 TDs to hold off ... State

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — His offensive line kept the blitzing defenders away, and his receivers kept getting open. Brock Berlin did his part, too.

The Miami quarterback tied a school record with five touchdown passes and Devin Hester returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for another score, helping the fourth-ranked Hurricanes hold off North Carolina State 45-31 Saturday night.

The Wolfpack had been leading the country in total defense, allowing only 204 yards a game with a wide array of blitzes and coverages. Miami piled up 416 yards, and Berlin was never sacked.

"They came out firing, but I think our guys did a great job of preparing," Berlin said.

The Hurricanes (6-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) gave up 440 yards — 299 in the first half alone — but remained the only team in the conference without a loss. They took advantage of numerous mistakes by the Wolfpack (4-3, 3-2), who were trying to beat a top-10 team for the first time since 2001.

N.C. State went deep in its playbook, too. Kicker John Derraney recovered an onside kick in the first quarter, and later, tailback T.A. McLendon took a direct snap and ran for 13 yards out of the first of two unusual formations used by the Wolfpack.

"We felt we had some things we could take advantage of in both the run and the passing game," N.C. State coach Chuck Amato said. "But you can't shoot yourself in the foot, you just can't do it."

Taped messages of encouragement from former Wolfpack stars Torry Holt and Philip Rivers also were played on the scoreboards, but it wasn't enough. Miami used two dominating drives just after halftime to take a 38-17 lead and cruised from there, thanks mostly to Berlin.

In Miami's previous game against Louisville, Berlin helped the Hurricanes rally from a 17-point deficit in the final 20 minutes in what coach Larry Coker called the best performance of his career.

Berlin was even better in this one. He added a couple of clutch third-downs to Roscoe Parrish, including a 27-yarder early in the second quarter on the first play after N.C. State's Bobby Washington fumbled on a kickoff return. Snorice Moss, Quadre Hill and Lance Leggett caught the other touchdown passes, and Moss later dropped another sure score.

Berlin finished 15-for-30 for 265 yards and added a couple of clutch third-downs to keep drives going. Bernie Kosar, Steve Walsh and Ken Dorsey are the other players with five TD passes at Miami.

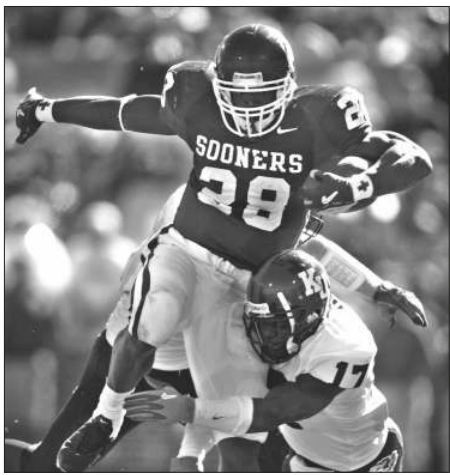
No. 1 USC 38, Washington 0: At Los Angeles, Matt Leinart passed for 217 yards and two touchdowns, and DaSha White ran for two scores and the Trojans handed Washington its first shutout since 1981.

USC (7-0, 4-0 Pac-10) blew the game open, scoring three touchdowns in the first quarter for a 31-0 lead. Off to their best start since 1988 when they won their first 10 games, the Trojans have won 16 straight, 19 in a row at home and 27 of 28 overall.

The outcome ensured Washington's first losing season in 28 years. The Huskies (1-6, 0-4) are off to their worst start since 1973, when they lost seven of eight to begin the season.

No. 2 Oklahoma 41, Kansas 10: Jason White threw for 389 yards and four touchdowns for host Oklahoma against a defense geared up to host Adrian Peterson.

The Heisman Trophy winner was 27-for-44 for the Sooner (7-0, 4-0 Big 12). Peterson, needing 99 yards to top Em-



Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson breaks a tackle by Kansas defender Ronnie Amadi, right, in the fourth quarter Saturday. Peterson rushed for 126 yards to join Emmitt Smith and Marshall Faulk as the only freshmen to reach 1,000 yards in their seventh collegiate games. All but 23 of Peterson's yards came in the fourth quarter.

mitt Smith and Marshall Faulk as the quickest freshmen to gain 1,000 yards, gained 126 yards on 22 carries — all but 23 coming in the fourth quarter.

Peterson now has 1,027 yards. Kansas (3-4, 1-3) lost its third straight to Oklahoma.

No. 3 Auburn 42, Kentucky 10: Carnell Williams rushed for 149 yards and two touchdowns and Auburn allowed only 110 yards at home.

Ronnie Brown also rushed for two TDs for the Tigers (8-0, 5-0 Southeastern Conference), who overpowered the league's worst defense to overcome a stretch of sloppy play.

The Wildcats (1-6, 0-4) have dropped five consecutive games and 14 in a row against the Tigers.

No. 5 Florida State 20, Wake Forest 17: Xavier Beffa kicked a 22-yard field goal with 1:03 left to help Florida State pull off a surprisingly close victory. Seminoles quarterback Wyatt Sexton had a miserable day, committing three costly turnovers that nearly cost Florida State (6-1, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) the game.

Florida State needed a 46-yard run by Lorenzo Booker on third-and-10 and a 14-yard pass from Sexton to Dominic Robinson on third-and-6 to set up the game-winning field goal.

No. 7 California 38, Arizona 0: At Tucson, Aaron Rodgers threw three first-half touchdowns and J.J. Arrington topped 100 yards rushing for the sixth consecutive game to lead California.

Geoff McArthur broke the Cal record for career yards receiving with his 11-yard TD reception 11 seconds before halftime. McArthur caught six for 94 yards to give him 2,768 career yards, breaking Bobby Shaw's record of 2,731 set from 1994 through 1997.

The Bears (5-1, 3-1 Pac-10) posted their

first shutout since a 17-0 victory over UCLA on Oct. 16, 1999. Arizona (1-6, 0-4) lost its sixth in a row.

No. 8 Texas 51, Texas Tech 21: Vince Young had a career-high 300 yards of total offense, ran for four touchdowns and threw for another to lead visiting Texas.

Young finished with a season-high 158 yards on 25 carries. He scored touchdowns on runs of 2, 2, 1 and 11 yards, and ran for 121 yards in the first half.

Cedric Benson, the nation's leading rusher coming in, finished with 168 yards on 38 carries and one touchdown for Texas (6-1, 3-1 Big 12). He became the sixth player in NCAA Division I history to rush for 1,000 yards in four consecutive seasons.

No. 9 Utah 63, UNLV 28: Morgan Scalley returned the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown and Alex Smith threw for three TDs and ran 70 yards for another for Utah at home.

The Utes (3-4 Mountain West) reached their highest point total in 10 years and improved to 7-0 for the fourth time in school history.

Dominique Dorsey ran 24 times for 179 yards and two touchdowns for the Rebels (2-6, 1-3).

No. 10 Georgia 20, Arkansas 14: David Greene threw for a career-high 382 yards and two touchdowns, and Thomas Brown rushed for 107 yards.

Fred Gibson caught six passes for 169 yards and a touchdown for the Bulldogs (6-1, 3-1, Southeastern Conference). Reggie Brown had seven receptions for 107 yards.

The Razorbacks (3-4, 1-3) had just 278 yards total offense. They fumbled the ball four times, losing it twice.

No. 11 Tennessee 17, Alabama 13: Tennessee turned its defense to turn back Alabama's late rally, and the Volunteers held on for a victory with key stops

and an interception in the final seconds.

The Crimson Tide (5-3, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) was trailing by a touchdown when Brian Bostick's 47-yard field goal with 6:26 left put Alabama within four.

Tennessee (6-1, 4-1) allowed the Tide to get to midfield on its next drive, but Omar Gaither dropped Alabama's Kenneth Darby for a loss of 3 to make it fourth-and-6.

Corey Campbell secured the win with an interception at the 15 with 46 seconds remaining.

No. 14 Virginia 37, Duke 16: Alvin Pearnan ran for a career-high 223 yards and a touchdown, lifting visiting Virginia.

Wali Lundy added 82 yards and two scores for the Cavaliers (6-1, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Mike Schneider threw two touchdown passes, and Cedric Dargan ran for 108 yards for the Blue Devils (1-6, 0-4).

No. 17 Texas A&M 29, Colorado 26 (OT): Todd Pegram kicked a 19-yard field goal in overtime and Lee Foliaki recovered a fumble on the next possession, giving Texas A&M (6-1, 4-0 Big 12) a victory at home.

After Pegram made his fourth field goal of the game, Foliaki poked the ball away from Bobby Pundy of the second play of Colorado's possession.

Purified led Colorado (4-3, 1-3) with 130 yards on 20 carries with one touchdown.

No. 18 LSU 24, Troy 20: Marcus Randall threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to David Jones with 2:18 left to give the Tigers a come-from-behind victory.

The Trojans (4-4) had just 36 yards of offense in the first half, but trailed only 17-10 at the break thanks to three turnovers.

Turnovers also allowed the Trojans to stay with the Tigers (5-2) throughout the second half.

No. 19 Boise St. 33, Fresno St. 16: At Boise, Jason Zahransky passed for 227 yards and a touchdown, and Boise State held Fresno State to 17 yards rushing.

The Broncos (7-0, 4-0 Western Athletic Conference) extended the nation's longest winning streak to 18 games and improved to 7-0 for the first time in school history.

After starting the season 3-0, Fresno State (3-3, 0-3) has lost three straight conference games.

No. 21 Arizona State 48, UCLA 42: Andrew Walter threw for 415 yards and six touchdowns passes, two in a wild fourth-quarter rally, to lead Arizona State.

The senior led Danny White (1971) for the second time in a game by an Arizona State quarterback.

Walter has 21 TD passes this season against six interceptions, although the Bruins (4-3, 2-2 Pac-10) red-burned him off three times. Derek Hagan had three scoring grabs for the Sun Devils (6-1, 3-1).

No. 22 Oklahoma State 20, Missouri 17: Jason Ricks kicked a 28-yard field goal with 55 seconds left and the visiting Cowboys rallied from a 17-point deficit.

Oklahoma State (6-1, 3-1 Big 12) drove 78 yards to set up the winning kick. The drive was kept alive when Donovan Woods converted Penn State's fourth-down time for a 27-yard gain on third-and-4 from the Oklahoma State 42.

Missouri (4-3, 2-2) appeared headed for an easy win going ahead 17-0 with 54 seconds left in the first half.

No. 25 Iowa 6, Penn State 0: At State College, Pa., Iowa held Penn State's offense scoreless, making Kyle Schlicher's two first-half field goals stand up.

Iowa gave the Hawkeyes (2-5, 0-4 Big Ten) their final two points, converting a safety instead of punting from its own end zone late in the fourth quarter. The strategy worked perfectly when the Hawkeyes intercepted Penn State's fourth-down time.

Iowa (5-2, 3-1) had just three first downs in the second half.

BSU—FG T. Jones 21, 13:38
FS—FG Vinsintainer 38, 3:58
BSU—FG T. Jones 32, 1:09
BSU—FG T. Jones 30, :18.

Third Quarter
BSU—Zabransky 1 run (T. Jones kick), 11:01
FS—Mathis 15 run (Vinsintainer kick), 6:35.

Fourth Quarter
BSU—FG T. Jones 45, 12:51
FS—Jamison 25 pass from Pinegar (pass failed), 9:26
BSU—Weldon 5 pass from Zabransky (T. Jones kick) 4:31
FS— 0-0, 0:00
BSU— 0-0, 0:00



Michael Hart, left, ran through Purdue for 206 yards, the most ever by a Michigan freshman, in the Wolverines' sixth-straight victory.

Rivas, Hart pop up Michigan vs. Purdue

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI
The Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Michigan is proving that sometimes experience isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Freshman Michael Hart rushed for 206 yards and Garrett Rivas hit a 35-yard field goal with 2:45 to go to lift the 13th-ranked Wolverines to a 16-14 win over No. 12 Purdue on Saturday.

Hart broke Ricky Powers' Michigan record for rushing yards by a freshman and also caught a touchdown pass from fellow freshman Chad Henne to help the Wolverines (1-1, 5-0 Big Ten) keep pace with No. 6 Wisconsin at the conference.

"Michael Hart certainly has done his share," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "He's a special kid. He has a durability that is just amazing for a kid who just graduated from high school a few months ago."

Michigan's talented tens, Hart and Henne, outplayed Purdue's star seniors, Kyle Orton and Taylor Stubbsfield.

Orton was 14-for-30 for 213 yards, a touchdown and an interception, and Stubbsfield had just one catch for 10 yards.

The scene was all too familiar for Purdue (5-2, 2-2), which again had a costly fumble late to lose its second game in a row after starting the season with five straight wins for the first time since 1945.

After Rivas' field goal, Orton hit Doran Bryant on a crossing pattern that moved the Boilermakers into Michigan territory.

But Michigan defensive back Markus Curry sent Bryant flying with a low hit and Ernest Shazor hit him high, forcing a fumble that Leon Hall recovered to seal the win.

"Coaches and guys on the team preach that a football game never comes down to one play, but when something like that happens, you feel like it's all on your shoulders."

Last week against Wisconsin,

Purdue led 17-13 in the fourth, but Orton fumbled on a similar high-low hit and Scott Stark returned it 40 yards for the game-winning score.

"This was a very tough football game and now we've had two heartbreakers," Orton said. "There's not much to say."

Rivas was shaky all day, missing a 38-yarder in the fourth and also having a 32-yarder blocked by Bobby Iwuochukwu in the fourth.

The sophomore said Carr asked him if he was ready for another shot.

"I told him that he can always count on me," Rivas said. "I don't think he was losing faith, he was just making sure I was still on point."

He was, calmly drilling the biggest kick of the day to give the Wolverines their fourth victory in a row over Purdue.

While Rivas was the hero, Hart was the workhorse. A week after going for 234 yards against Illinois, Hart used his speed and power on 33 carries to tear up Purdue's run defense.

Henne was solid, throwing for 190 yards and a touchdown, but wisely leaned on Hart.

Orton continued to struggle against Michigan and can probably forget about winning the Heisman Trophy.

Michigan's defensive backs, which have dominated the Purdue receivers in recent years, gave Orton little breathing room on Saturday, sacking him three times and shutting down Stubbsfield, the Big Ten's career leading receiver.

"Obviously, all of those corners and the secondary did a great job because we had some great hits, and we tackled well," Carr said.

Orton said he thought the Wolverines were getting away with holding.

"Our offense is based on timing and throwing the ball and running clean routes and if you're getting held, if you're getting interfered with, just make the obvious calls," Orton said.

Irish still can't solve Eagles

BY TOM COYNE
The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Boston College broke Notre Dame's heart again.

Paul Peterson threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez with 54 seconds left to give Boston College a 24-23 come-from-behind victory Saturday over Notre Dame, the Eagles' fourth straight win over the Irish.

This loss didn't hurt as much as the 14-7 loss two years ago, when Boston College (5-2) ended Notre Dame's undefeated season, or 11 years ago, when the Eagles beat the Irish 41-39 to deny them a shot at the national championship. But it was still a big setback for the 24th-ranked Irish (3).

"It hurts," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "We let it slip out of our hands. This was an important game for the season, for the program."

The Eagles dominated the second half after trailing 20-7 at halftime, outgaining the Irish 313 yards to 122 yards. The Irish were held to just 24 yards rushing in the second half.

"At halftime it was time for us to make a stand," BC coach Tom O'Brien said.

Peterson engineered the comeback, going 27-for-41 for 383 yards, including 19-for-23 for 297 yards in the second half. He had a 21-yard TD pass to Joel Hazard in the third quarter and an up to 21-yard field goal by Ryan Ogbler early in the fourth that cut the lead to 20-17.

"He was just poised," Gonzalez said. "That's the best thing about him."

Gonzalez made a great catch on the game-winning touchdown, going up over Irish cornerback Mike Richardson and coming down with the ball in the end zone.

"Tony just made a great play. That was awesome," Peterson said. "I just had to put it in a place where he could get it."

Gonzalez said he and Richardson jumped at the same time.

"He got higher than me, but his momentum was bringing him forward. I ducked under and got the ball," Gonzalez said.

Two key defensive plays in the first half kept the Eagles within range of Notre Dame. Jazmen Williams intercepted Brady Quinn's pass at BC's 1, and DeJuan Trille picked off Quinn at the Eagles 11.

The Irish also struggled in the second half with a number of missed tackles, allowing BC to keep some drives alive. They also missed what turned out to be a game-deciding extra point wide right on their third touchdown.

"I thought we missed a great number of opportunities to make plays," Willingham said. "We just did not take advantage of what we though were opportunities to get ourselves off the field or keep ourselves off the field."

Quinn was 20-for-33 for 231 yards and two TD passes and a touchdown run, but couldn't get the Irish going in the second half.

The Eagles didn't let up when

their first drive of the second half stalled and a 22-yard field goal attempt by Ogbler was blocked by Derek Landri. The Eagles came right back on their next possession with a touchdown when Joel Hazard scored on a 21-yard pass from Peterson. Hazard caught the ball at the 14 and just got into the end zone before Quentin Burrell knocked him off of bounds.

D.J. Fitzpatrick's 43-yard field goal upped the lead to 23-17 with 2:51 left, more than enough time for Peterson to direct the game-winning drive.

"Peterson did a great job in the second half spreading the ball around and taking what the Notre Dame defense would give us," O'Brien said. "When we can do that is when Paul is at his best."

A 55-yard field goal attempt by Fitzpatrick fell well short as time expired.

The Eagles narrowed Notre Dame's lead in what has become a heated rivalry to 9-7. Two years ago when Boston College beat the Irish in South Bend, the Eagles tore up pieces of turf from Notre Dame Stadium, just as they had after a win in 1999. They didn't do it Saturday.

"I told them to get off the field," O'Brien said. "That was not a good episode for our school and it's not going to happen again."

The teams don't play the next two years, but O'Brien said he hopes the rivalry will continue.

"Every season it is a great game and it has become a great rivalry between the two schools," he said. "I don't know why you would not want to play this game."

Polanco, Rice's missed PAT lift Navy

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A career day by quarterback Alan Polanco and a missed extra point enabled Navy to beat Rice and become bowl eligible.

Polanco ran for a career-high 179 yards, and the Midshipmen benefited from a botched fourth-quarter conversion in a 14-13 victory Saturday.

Rice (3-4) pulled to within one point with a 4:41 left on an 11-yard touchdown pass from freshman Joel Armstrong to Ed Bailey, but Brennan Mulroney missed the extra point, and Navy (6-1) held on.

By becoming bowl eligible with their sixth win, the Midshipmen have a chance to go to consecutive bowl games for the first time since the 1980 and 1981 seasons.

"It's great for the kids," Navy coach Paul Johnson said. "That was one of our goals at the beginning of the season. People can talk all they want about our schedule or anything else, but we've 6-1, and that is all I care about."

After going 2-10 in 2002, Navy went 8-5 last season and went to a bowl game for the first time since 1996.

Orton's missed kick spoiled a fine comeback by the Owls, who rallied from a 14-0 deficit behind freshman quarterback Joel Armstrong.

"He has to make extra points," Rice coach Ken Hatfield said. "There are four parts of an extra point, the snap, the protection, the hold and the kick. Everything looked good from where I was. It is a shame it came down to that, because we deserved a better fate."

Navy's sixth-ranked rushing offense finished with 263 yards. Polanco's 179 yards rushing was most by a Navy quarterback since 2001.

"We could not run the ball inside. They were killing us there," Johnson said. "But they didn't take away the quarterback on the run."

BU 41, Air Force 24: Jack Beck threw for 319 yards and four touchdowns, and Curtis Brown ran for 128 yards to help Brigham Young overcome a



Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco rushed for a career-high 179 yards in a 14-13 win over Rice.

sluggish start at Air Force.

Dennis Pitta blocked a punt and caught two touchdown passes, Todd Watkins had six catches for 153 yards and a touchdown, and BYU (4-4, 3-1 Mountain West) had 527 yards to win for the third time in four games.

Air Force (3-4, 2-2) could not much going with its option — 213 yards on 47 carries — and the quarterback Shaun Carney much time to throw and allowed a touchdown off a blocked punt for the third time in two games.

The Falcons scored twice in the fourth quarter, including Darnell Stephens' second TD run, but couldn't get closer than 10 points.

BYU made sure of that with a dominating third quarter. After struggling most in the first half, the Cougars had three touchdowns and a 222-49 advantage in total yards to turn a seven-point deficit into a 24-10 lead.

Gators bitten by Bulldogs

Croom gets first SEC victory in shocker over Florida

BY JOEY MCCREARY

The Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — The latest low point in Ron Zook's tenure at Florida even has the coach wondering what went wrong.

Meanwhile, Sylvester Croom's first big victory at Mississippi State has given the Bulldogs and their fans a reason to believe in their first-year leader.

Jerious Norwood's 37-yard touchdown run with 32 seconds remaining lifted the Bulldogs to a 38-31 upset of the 20th-ranked Gators on Saturday.

"This is embarrassing for us," Zook said. "We thought we were ready to play."

Norwood rushed for 174 yards on 29 carries and scored twice for the Bulldogs (2-5, 1-3 Southeastern Conference), who had lost five straight since beating Tulane in their first game under Croom. "This is just the beginning," Croom said. "We're building to a championship program."



Sylvester Croom exults in Mississippi State's upset of Florida.

Jeramie Johnson set up Norwood's game-winning when he intercepted Chris Lesak's pass at the Mississippi State 44 with two minutes remaining.

"All that we had done to that point basically came down to one play," Croom said. "We had to have the ball back because the one thing I did not want to do was go into overtime."

After four running plays moved the ball to the 37, Norwood took the handoff around left end, spun past a defender, then ran through another Gator at the goal line.

"I just ran to the open space," Norwood said. "Next thing I knew, I was in the secondary, and after that, I was in the end zone."

Mississippi State, a 24½-point underdog, had given no indication it could even be competitive with the Gators. The Bulldogs had lost 27 of 32 SEC games since a landmark 47-35 shocker over Florida four years ago.

Croom, the first black head football coach in SEC history, and the Bulldogs pulled out a victory that will undoubtedly go down as one of the most surprising in school history. Croom, a longtime NFL and college assistant in his first stint as a head coach, had no doubt where it ranked for him personally.

"There have been a lot of good wins in my life, but for me, this is No. 1," Croom said.

Despite injuries, Wisconsin defense too much for 'Cats

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — The nation's stingiest defense is impressive even without some of its most important parts.

No. 6 Wisconsin beat Northwestern 24-12 on Saturday despite having star defensive end

Erasmus James on the sideline along with pass-rushing partner Jonathan Welsh and middle linebacker Reggie Cribbs.

Anthony Davis rushed for two touchdowns as Wisconsin reached 8-0 for the fourth time in the program's 115-year history.

"Sometimes you have special years," coach Barry Alvarez said. "I said during two-a-days I thought this team had a spirit about them."

Andy Crooks played in Cribbs' spot and the Badgers (5-0 Big Ten) turned to sub Joe Monty, Justin Ostrowski and Jamal Cooper to close off the edges and prevent Northwestern's mobile quarterback, Brett Banez, from hurting them with his trademark roll-outs and bootlegs.

For most of the game, he didn't hurt them with his arm, either. Banez was just 5-for-18 for 34

yards in the first half and the Wildcats (3-4, 2-2) fell behind 24-0 before finally finding their rhythm.

"They're like any other Big Ten team. They reload," Wildcats right tackle Zach Strief said.

Even though linebacker Mark Zalewski finished with 3½ tackles in the backfield, the Badgers weren't forced to blitz because they got sufficient push with their makeshift line, which allowed them to flood the passing lanes and thwart Northwestern's spread offense.

"With Erasmus James being hurt, it was huge for those young guys to come in and play well," safety Jim Leonhard said of the second-stringers who played like starters. "It shows a lot about our defense."

"They make you earn every inch," Northwestern coach Randy Walker said. "There's nothing easy out there all day."

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Bode Miller of Franconia, N.H., roars to victory by 1.17 seconds in Sunday's giant slalom, the opening race of the World Cup ski season.

Bode leaves the pack far behind in opener

The Associated Press

SOELDEN, Austria — Bode Miller got off to the perfect start in his quest to become the first American in 22 years to win the World Cup overall title.

Miller captured the season-opening giant slalom by more than a second Sunday, reasserting his dominance of the discipline he won last season.

"It's the first race of season, and you never know what the others are sking," Miller said. "It's a challenging hill and I almost went down couple of times in the second run, so when I got across the finish line I was already excited, never mind the time difference."

"I just turned 27 a week ago and I think I'm at the point where I have a lot of experience. I know all the hills, I know what it takes to win on them, even if I haven't won on them yet. I have what it takes. I think the sky is the limit," Miller said.

The victory was the 13th of Miller's career, including seven in giant slalom. He also has three slalom victories and three in combined events.

By winning in Soelden for the second straight season, the defending World Cup GS champion helped cap an embarrassing weekend for the Austrians — who were kept off the podium on home snow in women's and men's races.

Miller reached the bottom of the steep Rettenbach Gletscher course in a two-run time of 2 minutes, 16.44 seconds, a whopping 1.17 seconds ahead of Italy's Massimiliano Bardon. Finland's Kale Palander, who finished second to Miller last season in the giant slalom standings, was third.

Safin tops Nalbandian

MADRID, Spain — Marat Safin defeated David Nalbandian 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 Sunday to win the \$3 million Madrid Masters and moved closer to locking up a berth in the season-ending Tennis Masters Cup in Houston next month.

The third-seeded Russian

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broke Nalbandian's first two service games and won the first set in 29 minutes. Safin had at least one ace in each of his own service games in the second set and finished the match with 14.

Safin earned 100 points, moving him ahead of Britain's Tim Henman into sixth place in the battle for the eight spots in the Tennis Masters Cup. Nalbandian, a 2002 Wimbledon finalist, is 10th.

Molik upsets Sharapova

ZURICH, Switzerland — Australia's Alicia Molik upset Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 on Sunday in the final of the Swisscom Challenge.

Molik, the Olympic bronze medalist at Athens, ended Sharapova's 12-match winning streak and denied the 17-year-old Russian a third straight tournament title.

Molik said she was unfazed after losing the first set, noting she did the same thing Saturday on the way to beating Switzerland's Patty Schnyder in three sets in the semifinals.

"That's something I've been doing all week," Molik said. "I've been keeping my cool."

Sterne wins Madrid Open

MADRID, Spain — Richard Sterne shot a 5-under-par 65 and rallied to win the Madrid Open by two shots on Sunday, earning the 23-year-old South African his first European tour victory and playing rights on the continent for another year.

The 2001 South African and Indian amateur champion started the day a stroke behind third-round co-leaders Darren Fitchard (71) and Paul Broadhurst (70). Sterne made the turn in 5 under — including an eagle-3 on the 518-yard No. 4 for the second time in three days — and closed out a bogey-free round for an 18-under 266.

Anders Hansen of Denmark shot 66 and was at 16 under, one stroke ahead of Australia's Terry Price, who also eagled the fourth and closed with a 67.

Cards' Tavarez loser in battle of blunders

BY HOWARD ULMAN

The Associated Press

BOSTON — This time Julian Tavarez's meltdown came on the pitcher's mound.

St. Louis' volatile reliever, who broke his left hand in a diagonal tantrum in the NL championship series, started at Mark Bellhorn's two-run homer that hit off the Pesky Pole in the eighth inning and gave the Boston Red Sox an 11-9 win in the first game of the World Series.

In the clubhouse, he stared some more — into a video machine, where he kept re-winding the tape of the hit he wishes he'd never seen in the first place.

"It was a mistake. I left it over the middle of the plate," Tavarez said. "I watched it over and over again so I have it in my head not to do it again."

When neither starter made it out of the

fourth inning, the game came down to a battle of the bullpens.

And when the Cardinals tied it 9-all with two runs in the eighth, the ball — and the outcome — was in the hands of Tavarez and Red Sox closer Keith Foulke.

Foulke, cool no matter how tough the predicament, won.

"If there's nobody on base and we have a 10-run lead or the bases are loaded in a tie game, I'm going to make the same pitches," Foulke said.

The Cardinals loaded the bases with one out after tying the score. Then Foulke retired two of their best hitters easily — Scott Rolen on a popout to third base and Jim Edmonds on a called third strike.

"Keith's not scared of anything," Boston catcher Jason Varitek said. "That's a good thing to have in your closer."

It's been a great thing throughout the

postseason. In eight appearances covering 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings, he hasn't allowed a run.

The first three Red Sox relievers — Bronson Arroyo, Mike Timlin and Alan Embree — were less effective after starter Tim Lincecum gave up five runs in 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings.

Until Bellhorn's homer, four Cardinals relievers — Danny Haren, Kiko Calero, Ray King and Cal Eldred — allowed just two runs after starter Woody Williams gave up seven in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings.

Then Tavarez started the bottom of the eighth by retiring Bill Mueller on a groundout before Varitek reached first on shortstop Edgar Renteria's error.

Then on a 1-2 pitch Tavarez's slider found too much of the plate and Bellhorn's header hit the screen on Pesky Pole down the right-field foul line.

"I've been up and down, up and down all postseason. You've got to keep fighting,"

Tavarez said. "That's what happens when you make one bad pitch. You get hurt."

At least he didn't pitch the way he did when he lost his temper in Game 4 of the NLCS after allowing the go-ahead home run to Houston's Carlos Beltran.

Despite the injury, Tavarez had pitched two perfect innings for the win in Game 6 of the NLCS and a scoreless eighth in Game 7.

On Saturday night, all he could do was turn and stare at the ball soaring through the night sky until it hit the screen attached to the yellow foul pole.

The result was the same, a Cardinals loss.

But afterward, Tavarez stood by his locker, calmly discussing the decisive pitch while his left hand and right shoulder were wrapped.

"Just one bad pitch. Just one mistake," he said. "I won't let myself get down."

Bell: Boston bumbles, but finds way to win

BELL, FROM BACK PAGE

Foulke got five outs for the victory as the Red Sox won their fifth straight postseason game, a surge that started when they came back from a 3-0 deficit to beat the New York Yankees in the ALCS.

The Cardinals beat Roger Clemens and Houston in Game 7 of the NLCS, led by sluggers Scott Rolen and Albert Pujols. But Rolen, Pujols and Jim Edmonds were held to 1-for-12 by Boston and left five runners in scoring position.

It was certainly not the best baseball ever played, with 14 walks and five errors. Still, it was entertaining.

"That was not an instructional video," Red Sox manager Terry Francona cracked. "That was a little rough."

Bellhorn, who struck out a Red Sox-record 177 times this season and bats ninth, connected after an error by shortstop Kevin Reuter on Jason Varitek's grounder. Foulke worked around Marlon Anderson's double in the ninth to finish it.

Down 7-2, the Cardinals eventually tied it when Renteria and Walker hit RBI doubles in the sixth.

But after Ramirez singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh, Ortiz hit a wicked grounder that took a bad hop, clocked the drawn-in Womack in the collarbone and sent him to the hospital for X-rays, which were negative.

Ramirez's RBI single made it 9-7, not that the team that led the NL, with 53 comeback wins was won, especially with the erratic Ramirez out in left field.

Because on consecutive plays in the eighth, Ramirez let St. Louis tie it. Two singles brought back the bullpen, and then an error by Renteria hit a single that Ramirez overran for an error that scored a run.



Boston Red Sox left fielder Manny Ramirez misses a catch and tumbles to the ground Saturday night at Fenway Park. Ramirez made consecutive errors in the eighth inning that allowed St. Louis to tie the game.

Walker followed with his fly to left. Ramirez tried to make a sliding catch, but his spikes appeared to catch in the grass. He suddenly popped up and the ball glanced off his glove for another error and the tying run.

"The playoffs are a weird game," Ramirez said.

The sellout crowd groaned at Ramirez's misplays. Moments later, the fans were delicious when Bellhorn struck.

At the start, the game became a classic NL vs. AL matchup — bunts against blasts. No surprise, the boppers went ahead because of Ortiz's shot off Woody Williams.

But Tim Lincecum's wildness let the Cardinals rally from the 7-2 deficit. Their first knuckleballer to start a Series game since Gene Bearden in 1948, he couldn't control his float in the blustery conditions and tied a Series record with four walks during a three-run fourth.

At 49 degrees with a 21 mph wind, it was a bit nippy. Plenty of players put on ski caps for batting practice and Cardinals manager Tony La Russa wore gloves on the bench.

Williams, however, took the mound in short sleeves. After posting Game 1 wins in the first two playoff rounds, he struggled

in the cold and soon St. Louis had someone warming up.

Boston chased him in the third on Johnny Damon's bases-loaded single. Dan Haren relieved, Orlando Cabrera hit an RBI single on the first pitch and Ramirez had a run-scoring groundout for a 7-2 lead — the Boston slugger did not have an RBI in the ALCS.

That's when Wakefield committed a pitcher's sin — he walked the bases loaded to begin the fourth.

Boston's defense messed up for the first time starting with Mike Matheny's second sacrifice fly of the game. Cutoff man Kevin Millar hesitated, then skipped his relay into the stands while trying to get a runner at third.

Defensive whiz So Taguchi, playing left field to let Reggie Sanders be the DH, got an RBI when third baseman Bill Mueller couldn't cleanly grip a grounder, and just like that it was 7-5.

Wakefield left after his fifth walk, and Bronson Arroyo relieved.

Ortiz kept up his penchant for key hits, launching his fifth homer of the postseason.

Walker, in the Series for the first time in a 16-year career, homered in the third.

Rolen still struggling to find groove at plate

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

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BOSTON — Scott Rolen was a bust in his World Series debut.

The All-Star third baseman went 0-for-5 in the St. Louis Cardinals' 11-9 loss to the Boston Red Sox in Game 1 on Saturday night. He left four runners on base and

grounded into an inning-ending double play in the third.

"I don't think I swung at a strike all day," Rolen said. "I kick myself because I had some opportunities."

His best chance for a big hit came with the bases loaded in the eighth. With one out and the score tied at 9, Rolen chased a high pitch from Keith Foulke and popped out to third. Jim Edmonds then struck out looking, ending the inning.

"He made a good pitch for him. I don't need to be swinging at that pitch," Rolen said.

Rolen's teabreaking homer off Roger Clemens in Game 7 of the NL Championship Series helped put the Cardinals in the World Series for the first time since 1946.

But after a huge regular season that made him a leading MVP candidate, Rolen is batting just .196 with three homers, six RBIs and 12 strikeouts in the postseason.

He got little help Saturday night from fellow slugger Albert Pujols, who also stranded four runners in the eighth.

"They did a nice job of getting out of innings," Edmonds said. "We just came up short."

ROSTER RUNDOWN: The Red Sox third baseman Kevin Youkilis on the World Series roster instead of reliever Ramiro Mendoza.

Youkilis was inactive for the AL Championship Series. But manager Terry Francona decided that with starter Derek Lowe in the bullpen for the first two games and Bronson Arroyo available as a reliever all series, Boston could afford to give up the extra arm.

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| Saturday, Oct. 23 Boston 11, St. Louis 9, Boston leads series 1-0 | Sunday, Oct. 24 St. Louis 10, Boston 15-10 at Boston (Schilling 21) |
| Tuesday, Oct. 26 Boston 12, St. Louis 15-9 at St. Louis (Marquis 15-7) | Wednesday, Oct. 27 Boston 10, St. Louis 14-12 at St. Louis (Suppan 14-9) |
| Thursday, Oct. 28 Boston 10, St. Louis 10-9 in extra innings at St. Louis (Edmonds 10-9) | Friday, Oct. 29 St. Louis 11, Boston 10-9 in extra innings at Boston (If necessary) |

"Because of the versatility of our guys in the 'pen, we should be OK," Francona said. "And there's a confidence in what [Curt] Schilling will give us. Even though it may not be nine innings, it will be enough where we don't get in a spot."

Mendoza made two playoff appearances against the Yankees, taking the loss in Game 3 after failing to stop New York's offensive outburst in a 19-8 victory. He pitched only two innings in the series — fewest on the team — even though the staff was taxed by a pair of extra-inning games.

Youkilis was hitless in two at-bats against Anaheim in the first round.

He could take advantage of having the extra position player, especially when we go to the National League city," Francona said.

"It may be Dave Roberts a little more valuable to us, more versatile, and when we get into the National League city, we can play maybe a little bit more."

WALL BALL: First-base coach Dave McKay hit fungoes off the Green Monster during Friday's workout so St. Louis players could get used to the way balls bounce off particular areas. The left-field wall is made of sheet metal, wood and concrete, and there's also a padded portion.

"Some guys go out there and say, 'I'm going to play it like Yastrzemski, play it off the wall, catch it in the air and throw somebody out,'" McKay said. "Well, don't do that. You don't play here enough to do that."

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Boston saved by the Bell

Bellhorn's homer lifts Red Sox over Cardinals in Series opener

BY BEN WALKER

The Associated Press

BOSTON — All that was missing was Mark Bellhorn lingering at home plate, trying to wave the ball fair.

He created his own October memory by recalling a Fenway Park moment frozen in time: Carlton Fisk's home run in Game 6 back in 1975.

Bellhorn hit a drive off the screen attached to Pesky's Pole in right field in the eighth inning, and the Boston Red Sox held on to take the highest-scoring opener in World Series history, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 11-9 on Saturday night.

"I'm not here trying to be a hero, I'm just here trying to win four games," he said.

Right after pulling a long foul, Bellhorn lofted the two-run shot off Julian Tavaraz that decided a game in which the Red Sox blew an early five-run lead.

Fisk was in the old ballpark for this game, and surely he was smiling. His 12th-inning homer off the left-field foul pole beat Cincinnati, and is considered one of baseball's most dramatic drives.

"In the playoffs, everything seems like a critical moment," Bellhorn said. "Any game can be a pivotal game or a pivotal play."

Cardinals right fielder Larry Walker was in position to make a play on Bellhorn's homer, standing at the 302-foot mark.

"If the pole wasn't there and if the stands went in about 50 more feet, I would have caught it. Unfortunately, it didn't work that way for us," he said.

And because of Bellhorn, Manny Ramirez, David Ortiz and Walker, this 100th World Series was off to a wild, crazy start.

"Just one bad pitch. Just one mistake," Tavaraz said.

Game 2 will be Sunday night, with Curt Schilling again testing his sutured ankle against St. Louis' Matt Morris.

Ortiz kept up his October rampage, hitting a three-run drive for Boston's first Series homer at Fen-



Boston Red Sox second baseman Mark Bellhorn hits a two-run home run in the eighth inning off St. Louis Cardinals' Julian Tavaraz in Game 1 of the World Series in Boston on Saturday. Bellhorn's shot broke a 9-9 tie and carried the Red Sox to victory despite four errors in the field.

way since Fisk's famous shot. The ALCS MVP wound up knocking in four runs — and knocking out second baseman Tony Womack with a shot to the collarbone.

Walker did his best for the Cardinals, and still they lost their seventh straight Series road game. He homered, doubled twice, singled and hit a fly ball to left field

that Ramirez muffed, helping St. Louis make it 9-all in the eighth.

"That's why you play the game. Those are tough breaks. It's a challenge, but you know what? We've had to deal with challenges all year. It's just another challenge that we've overcome," Red Sox closer Keith Foulke said.

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Game 2 of the World Series was played too late to be included in this edition. Full coverage of the game will be featured in Tuesday's paper.



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